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Konnichiwa Otafans,

It's the hottest time of the year and I bet most of you guys would want to jump into the nearest pool to freshen up and escape the heat. I mean, what better way can you beat the heat than diving in the cool waters of the pool or riding the endless waves of the beach? Wait, I think I got one... Watch anime! With your AC maxed out, a nice refreshing drink or ice cream on the side, and the ever comfortable confines of your house, it's chilling in summer, otaku style! If you're looking for good anime titles, you've come... Well, in this case... bought the right magazine! This magazine that you hold in your very hands is our very new and first ever issue of Otaku Asia Anime Magazine! This issue is filled with anime goodness that will surely help you get through summer. Some of us likes being productive and take part time jobs during summer, and for that reason, we're featuring Hataraku no Maou-sama! As I've mentioned, it's about part time jobs, now imagine Satan -yes, the almighty demon- having a part time job in a fast food chain. Interesting? Well, then, that's just one of the many things you'll find in this issue. I'll cut the chit chat here and let you see for yourself. Hope you enjoy and until the next issue, peace!

BTW, don't forget to send us your fan mail and fan art. We really appreciate it and with some luck, you might see your fan mail/art featured in the next issue! Thaaanks! XD

-Ned

THE STAFF

1. Pennis Rheinhardt

2. Rainbow Unicorn - fan

3. Ice!

4. o meeting nice unicorns :)

o haem with said unicorne :)

1. popi floor II

2. air conditioned continent (NORTH POLE)

3. air conditioned continent II (SOUTH POLE)

1. Aira Angelica Agacan

2. Rhaine

1. IGNORE SUMMER!

2. MAKE YOURSELF BUSY (WATCH ANIME, PLAY GAMES, READ MANGA, DO COSPLAYS!)

3. STAY INSIDE THE GUILD HOUSE

1. Aldous Estrada

2. Llama - san

3. Ice cream!!!

4. watching Movies

1. Refreshmentsss ~

2. Avoid the Sun! *hiss*

3. Boredom is evil!

1. Heloise Blythe R. Diamante

2. Suzi

3. singkays w/ bzgoong

4. swimming @ night

1. bubble wrap popping!

2. sell ice caddy for summer molly ~

* =

3. read Beauties of the DEEP + BATTLEDORE for water and lemons

Watermelon aisu! (with HOT SAUCE)

4. * Discovering past life XD

* Wandering with huge sword XP

The OTAKU way~!



Write your answers on the space provided

1. Name:

2. Nickname:

3. Fave summer food/s:

4. What do you do during your free time?

* Give 3 Tips for surviving summer~

Hi guys!

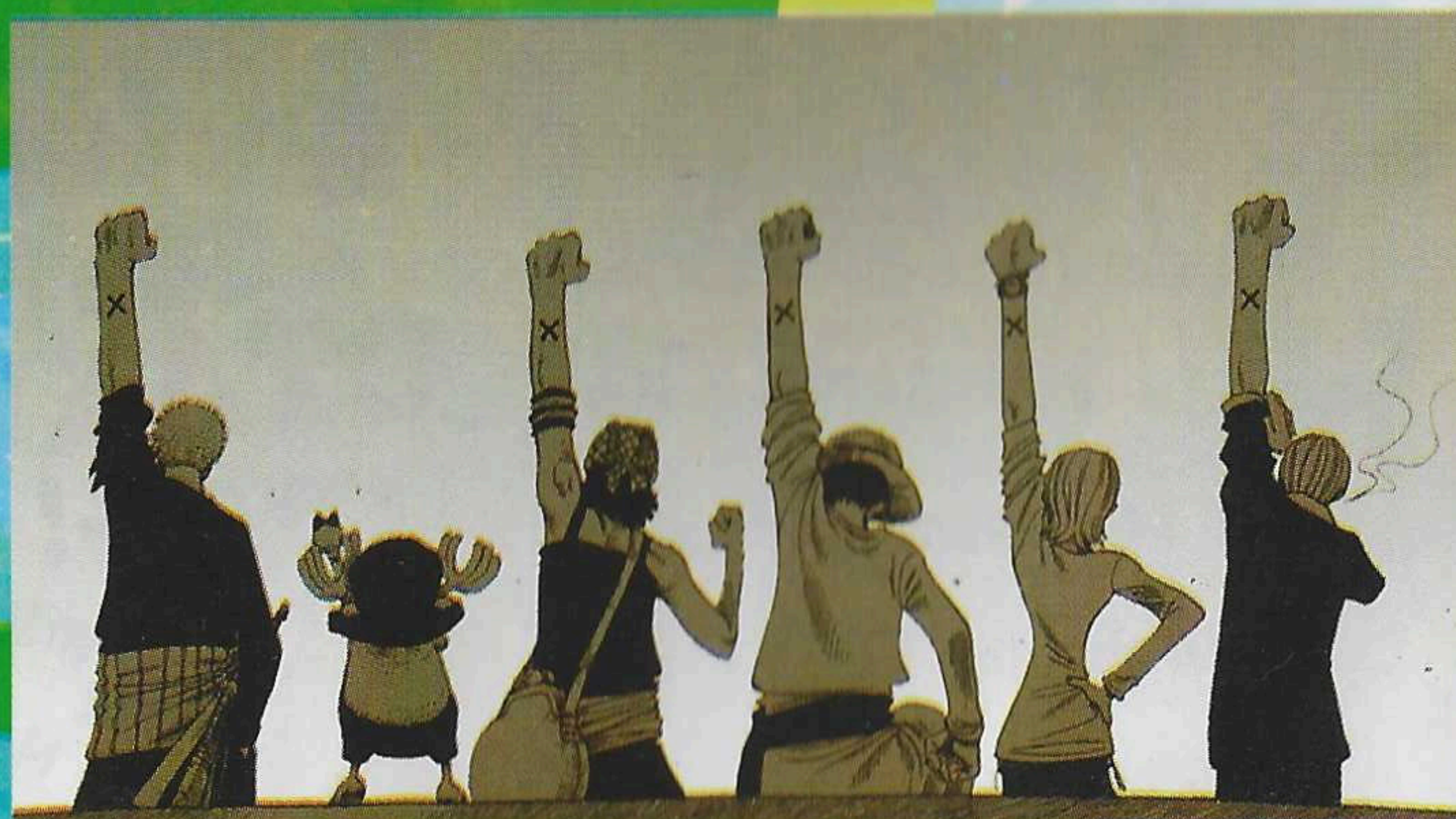
first of all, you guys rock! i am an avid fan of your magazine for years!. i always saves money just to buy your newest issue. OMG, you people are so cool! thank you for making this magazine so awesome . keep up the good work! let the whole wide world knows everything about anime..YAA! gambatte! gambatte! otaku asia daisuke des! and yeah! please do feature one piece again and code: breaker, onegai! More power!

Dear Otaku Asia,

Hi! I expect a lot of great things from you, and I hope that you could help me get back into watching anime, and that you could give otakus like us a bigger voice~ I also hope you could feature more male cosplayers thanks and more power to you!

~Onodera
/kore

Dine



Ohayou/Konichi wa/Konban wa XD Otaku Asia!

I just want to say good luck on the reboot of the magazine! With cons and anime going really mainstream the selection of magazines catering to the Otakus here are just not enough.): Hopefully your magazine will fill the cravings of people like me, who want to get updated on the latest trends (anime and more) in Japan. I'll be looking forward to your issue.

-Mad Queen

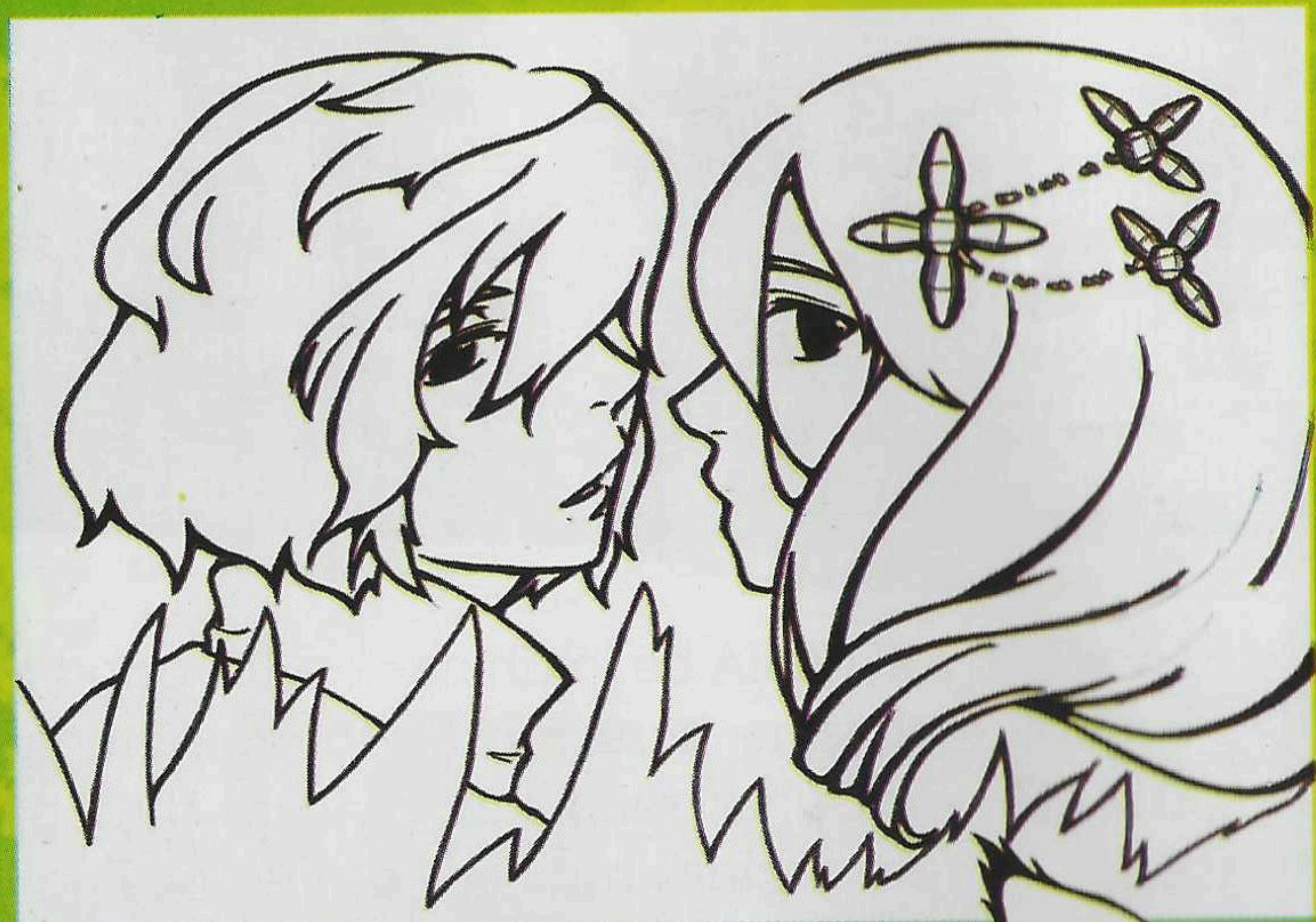
I want OTAKU ASIA be in China~~~ It's good to have an English magazine here most especially regarding the OTAKU world. I had read a lot of these through Chinese magazines but I still prefer the English ones."

-Ying Er,



Hi! Hello, Ozine! Are you guys doing a feature on Attack on Titan? Because that would be lovely. Also, do you have features on DVD releases? What distributor do you recommend?

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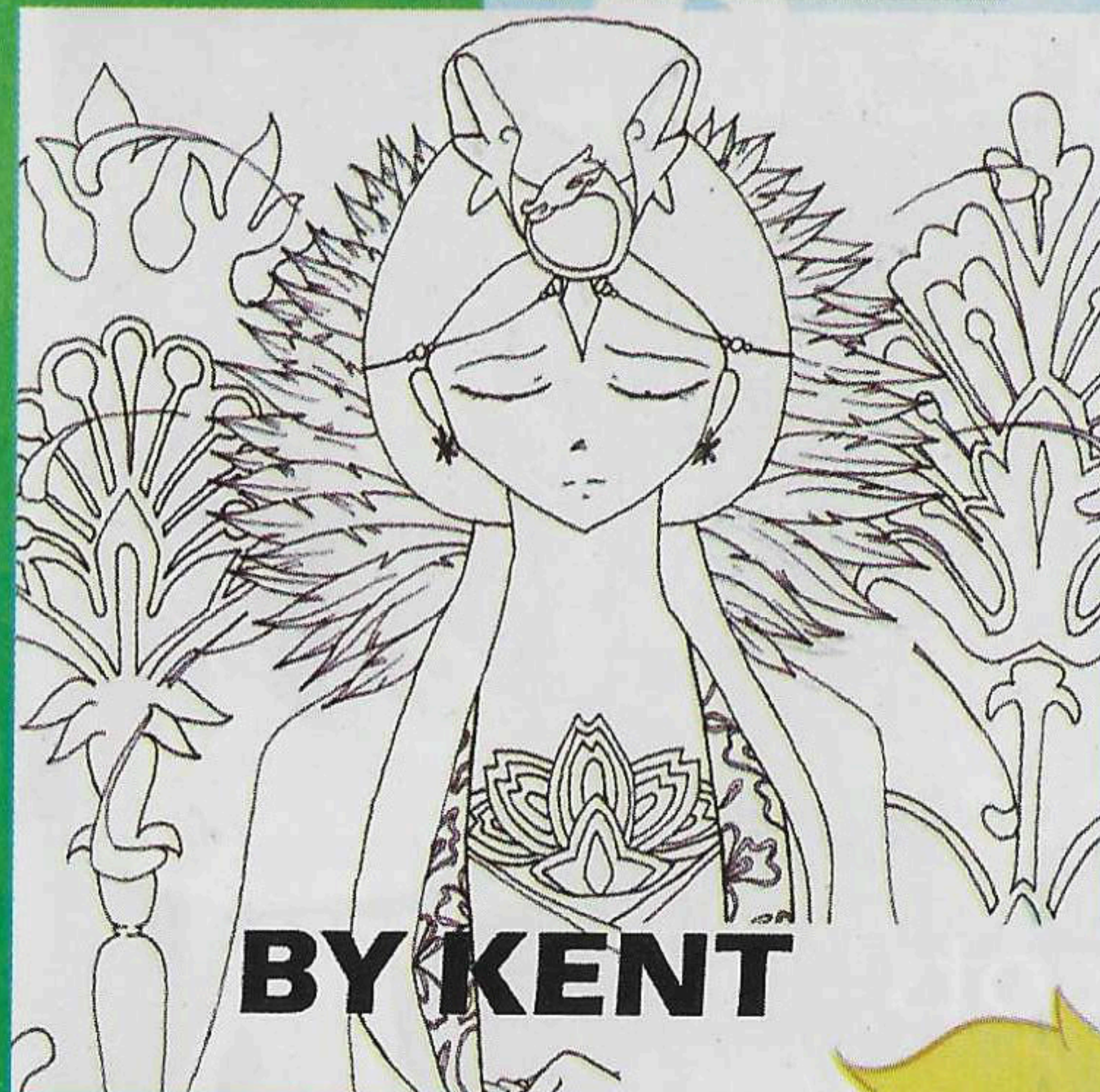
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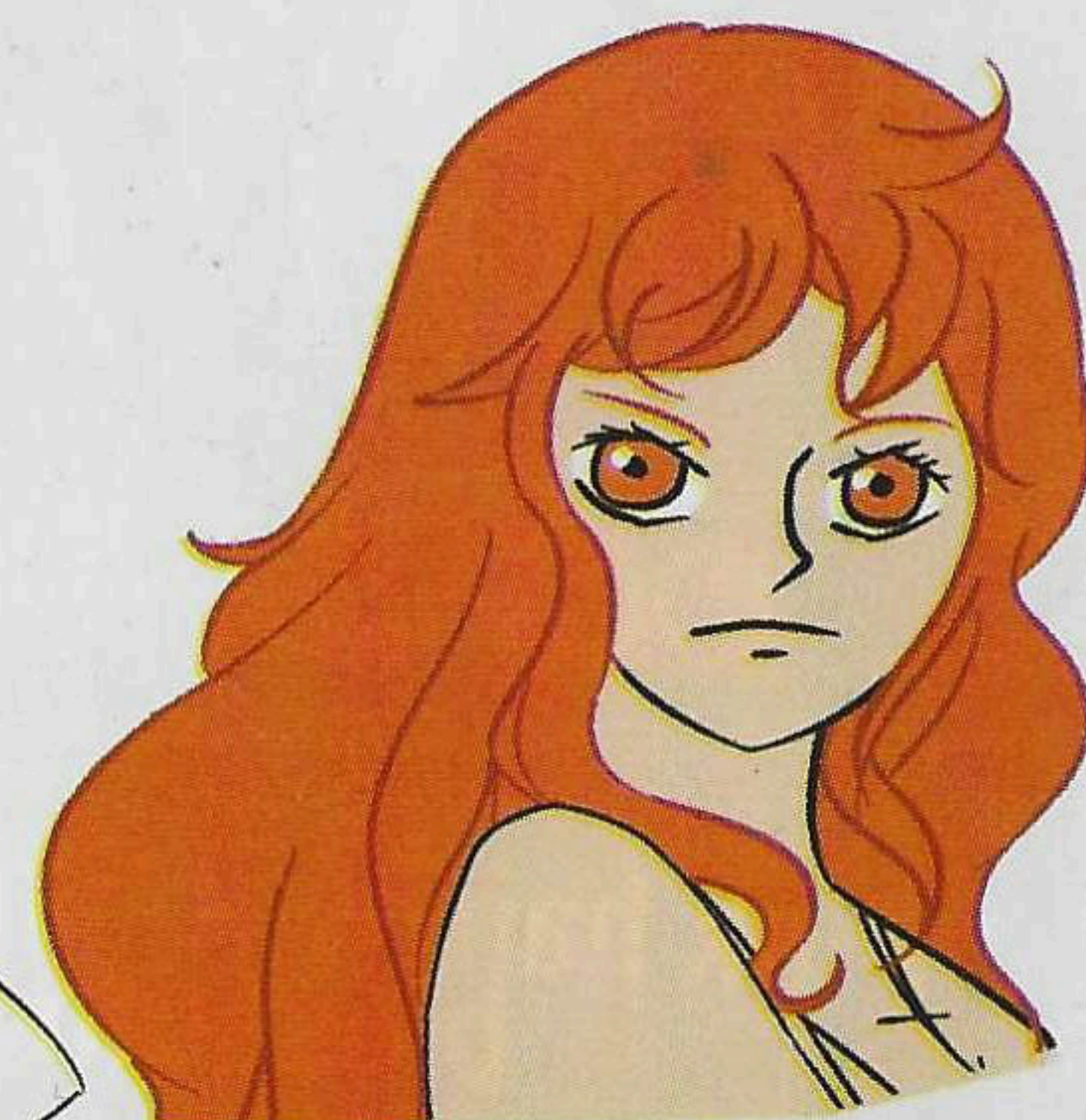
BY Rurichii08



**PIERANNE
KARLA PENERO**



BY KENT



GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

to DRAW THE FACE



OCHIBI-SAMA

* Pink hair with cherry blossom clips

DRAW
their faces for



Mascots
Contest



SOCHI-KUN

* Orange hair and holding cheese puffs



READ THE RULES!



1. Draw and Design the new Otaku Asia Mascots: O-chibi sama or Sochi-kun in digital art or traditional format. The contestants should follow the trademark of the characters as indicated.
*Each contestant is allowed to have one entry for O-chibi sama and Sochi-kun.
2. Send your entries (soft copy or scanned photo) to dennisocr@yahoo.com with the email subject DRAW THE FACE: O-CHIBI SAMA or DRAW THE FACE: SOCHII KUN on or before June 14, 2013 2:00pm
Please add to the email message your full name, age, contact number, home address and email address.
3. The Top 10 artworks on O-chibi sama and Sochi-kun would be featured on the Otaku Asia Anime Magazine FB page.
4. Each participant should gather fb likes/votes from June 17 (6:00pm)-June 29, 2013(6:00pm)
5. The entry with the most likes would be featured in Otaku Asia June Issue, and their character would be the official mascots of Otaku Asia Anime Magazine.
6. PSicom Publishing will have full ownership over all artworks submitted for the DRAW THE FACE contest.



I wonder
what will I
look like~?



Risk and imagination—you can all see this within the sphere of the very fantastic anime entitled 'AO NO EXORCIST'

AO NO EXORCIST also known as the Blue Exorcist written by Kazue Kato presents to us that the world is divided into two faces united as one. These two faces introduced to us are known as Assiah and Gehenna. The former is the name given to the world where human beings enjoy and cultivate their lives while the latter is the world of demons, the place where evilness stays. Impossibility stands if ever interplay between the two sides will be raised. Nevertheless, the demons from Gehenna can go into this world, know as Assiah, acquiring everything in it. However, Satan who is known as the strongest of all demons and the god of demons does not have the powerful substance in the human world. He made a son from a human in order for his evil plans to succeed but the question is will his son abide by his plans? If everything turns out to be far more than he expected, what then will be his next move?

AO NO EXORCIST moves in the domain of a boy named Rin Okumura who is a teenager that has an extraordinary strength and ability and has a twin brother named Yukio. Father Shiro Fujimoto is the one who looks after them. Their growth and development in life is watched by this man. Rin Okumura does not know his true identity. However, fate will let him figure it out in time.

The time came when Rin discovered that he is the son of Satan and his father finally planned to release his power. During this time Father Shiro Fujimoto protected Rin by sacrificing his life. Prior to that, Father Shiro let him have the Kurikara which is the demon-slaying blade. However, he is prohibited by Father to draw this most mighty demonic blade because it is the one that repress his devilish power. When Rin unfold the blade, his demonic characteristics appeared and also his ability to kindle his body into blue flames which has the capability to demolish anything that will have a contact with it. Rin always carry his demonic blade with him.

In order to defeat Satan and the demons, Rin and Yukio associated with the exorcist team and they meet the other son of Satan, Mephistopheles, the kind and humorous leader of True Cross Academy who helped Rin to become stronger and defeat Satan.

This is for all of you who love and who will be having fun in the anime AO NO EXORCIST! A special thanks also to Annie Condesa who requested this anime. Enjoy

THE BLUE EXORCIST

青の祓魔師
EXORCIST

The story starts in a place called the Kingdom of Clow found in the middle of a desert. Princess Sakura, daughter of the late King Clow Reed, and Syaoran, a boy who dreams to be an archaeologist, are close childhood friends. Like most childhood friends, they grew feelings for each other yet they couldn't say it. One fateful night, everything changed. While Sakura is visiting Syaoran in the ruins, her spirit became wings and the spiritual feathers disappeared into various dimensions.

In order to save Sakura and bring back her feathers which contained her memories, Syaoran and Sakura was sent to the dimensional witch named Yūko Ichihara. Yūko told Syaoran that they must journey into various dimensions to gather the feathers. Kurogane and Fai D. Flowright are the characters that will accompany them in their journey. The former is a powerful ninja who was exiled from Japan and desires to go back. He was sent by Princess Tomoyo in order for him to know the significance of strength. The latter is a powerful mage who wants to run away from his own world. For their wish to be granted, Yūko asked for heavy compensations. Each must give up something that they value the most. Syaoran lost his relationship with Sakura and he is erased in her memory. Kurogane gave his sword Ginryū, and Fai offered his tattoo that suppresses his powers. To grant their wish Yūko sent Mokona to guide them, a cute white creature that can open bridges to other dimensions and has the ability to locate the feathers. With the help of each other, they set out to different dimensions in the quest of fulfilling their wishes.

TSUBASA: RESERVOIR CHRONICLES

Will they be able to survive? Will Sakura and Syaoran be finally able to confess their love for each other? Are they ready for the consequences of their decisions?

So everyone, sit back, relax, and watch out for the events that will happen in this fabulous anime!

Thanks to Shizuru Hime for requesting this one. Have fun!

Mondaiji-tachi ga Isekai Kara Kuru So Desu yo?

Most of you probably wished to possess special abilities. The power to fly, talk to animals, mind control, etc. Seems fun right? Unfortunately, for Sakamaki Izayou, Kudō Asuka, and Kasukabe Yō, possessing powers made their lives boring. Until one day, they each

receive a letter that sends them to a different dimension. As they arrive, they were welcomed by a mysterious bunny person that calls herself Kuro Usagi (Black Rabbit) and explains

to them everything about Little Garden, a place where humans, gods, and demon lords gamble for power, fame, land- almost anything. The three of them were eventually invited by Kuro Usagi to join her community currently known as No-Names. She explains that they were once a powerful and prosperous community until a demon lord challenges them and crushes their community. The three now have the goal of returning the former glory of the No-Names.

Although the anime ran with a very short ten episodes, following the story of the light novel, it presented itself very well. The characters have different stories to tell giving the audience different points of views. With a very short first season, the introduction and explanation was all laid out in the first episode and by the end of the episode, they immediately introduced their first enemy. With a steady story progression and a decent background, Mondaiji is an anime that is easy to pick-up and every single episode is definitely worth watching.

by James

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IRONMAN RISE OF THE TECHNOVORE



In line with the upcoming release of Iron Man 3 in theatres worldwide, Marvel has decided to release **Iron Man: Rise of the Technovore**, a straight-to-video anime film by SH DTV Partners - a partnership between Marvel, Sony, and Mad House, on both DVD and Blu-Ray in North America last April 16, 2013.

Iron Man: Rise of the Technovore, a direct follow-up of the Marvel Anime Iron Man, revolves around Tony Stark, in his Iron Man armor, preventing an attack from a mysterious foe, but not without innocent bystanders – including best friend Lt. Col James Rhodes. Escaping questioning by S.H.I.E.L.D., he is determined to find the culprit, who also happens to be responsible for the new biotechnological weapon called “Technovore”.

According to Brandon Auman, writer for the movie, MadHouse animation studios has brought much to this movie a lot of connection with the original movies of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, having brought back the suitcase armor the Mandroids being adapted from Hammer Drones, as well as the appearance of familiar faces such as Nick Fury, The Punisher, Hawkeye, and Black Widow.



SO HOT, YET SO COOL: The Swimming Animé

You know it's already summer when you hear people say, "I want to go swimming!" Such is the hotness of this weather that we all want to live, literally, in swimming pools. To float on the cool waters under the sun for long hours. Ironical, yes. But fun, right? Worry not because we're not alone in this ordeal. The anime world has been experiencing this situation, too, and it all started when the so-called "swimming anime" came out.

FREE!

Let's get to know more about the characters of swimming anime:

To simply put it, swimming anime is just another sports anime that features four hot shirtless guy best friends in the swimming team who are, most probably, involved in either reverse harem or yaoi. We have to admit though that those hot abs are really cool.

But that's not all.

The swimming anime is sometimes referred to as "Ore to omae no sa o oshiete yaru yo!" (Eng. trans.: Let me show you what makes you and I different), a translation of a Japanese text in one of the teaser commercials. That's right, folks. Swimming anime is just a 30-second promotional commercial produced by Kyoto Animation.



Nobunaga Shimazaki plays **Haruka Nanase**, an 11th grader who loves to swim. His strong and quiet swimming style fascinates many, and he holds a strong fixation on freestyle swimming.



Tatsuhisa Suzuki plays **Makoto Tachibana**, Haruka's inseparable best friend in 11th grade. He understands Haruka's good points, and is often forced to speak as his spokesman. He is very kind and considerate, but is also very easily scared and weak-hearted.

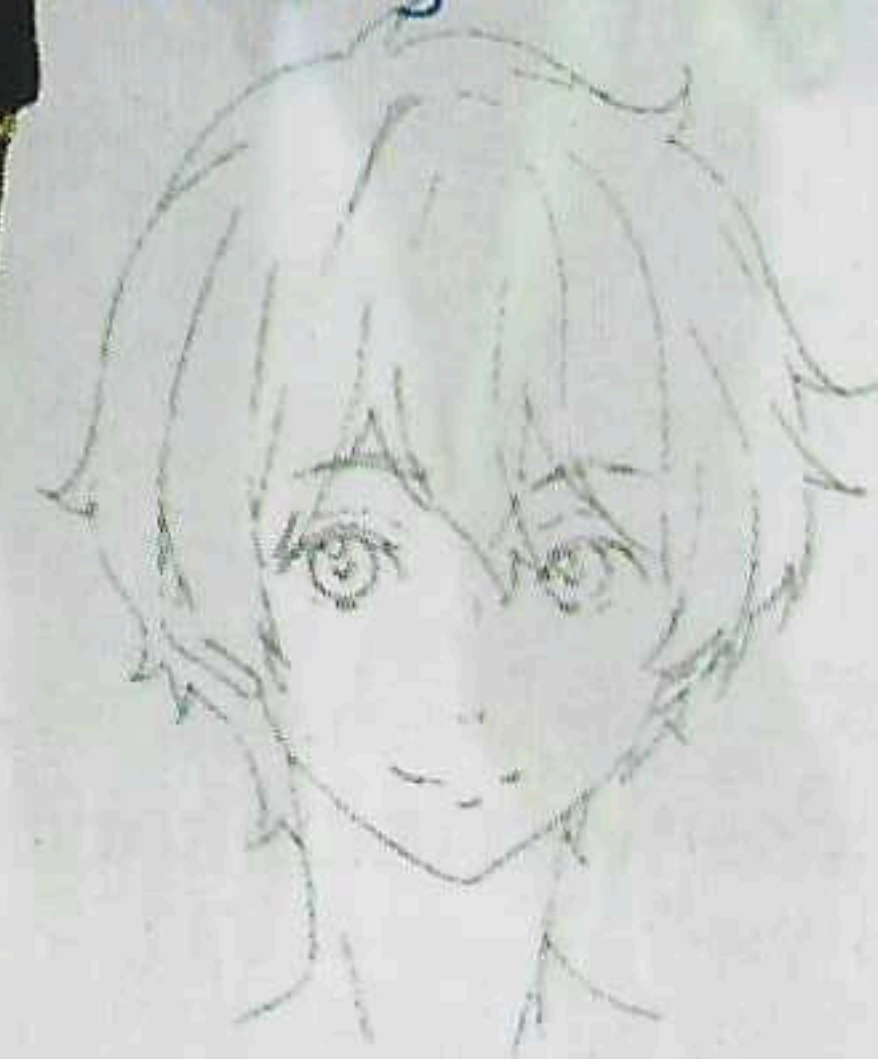


A growing Fandom for this Anime has erupted and created quite a stir in different social networking sites: Tumblr, Twitter, Facebook, etc. The buzz has caught even the attention of Crunchyroll, Inc., which urged them to make a petition for KyoAni to create a series out of the swimming anime. Once Crunchyroll, Inc. gathers 20,000 signatures, they will knock on the hearts of KyoAni with that weapon in hand saying, "Please make swimming anime (CM) into an actual series. Some people believe that Crunchyroll, Inc. uses this tactic only for publicity, but others think that they truly want to support the fans of this fiction within a fiction swimming anime.

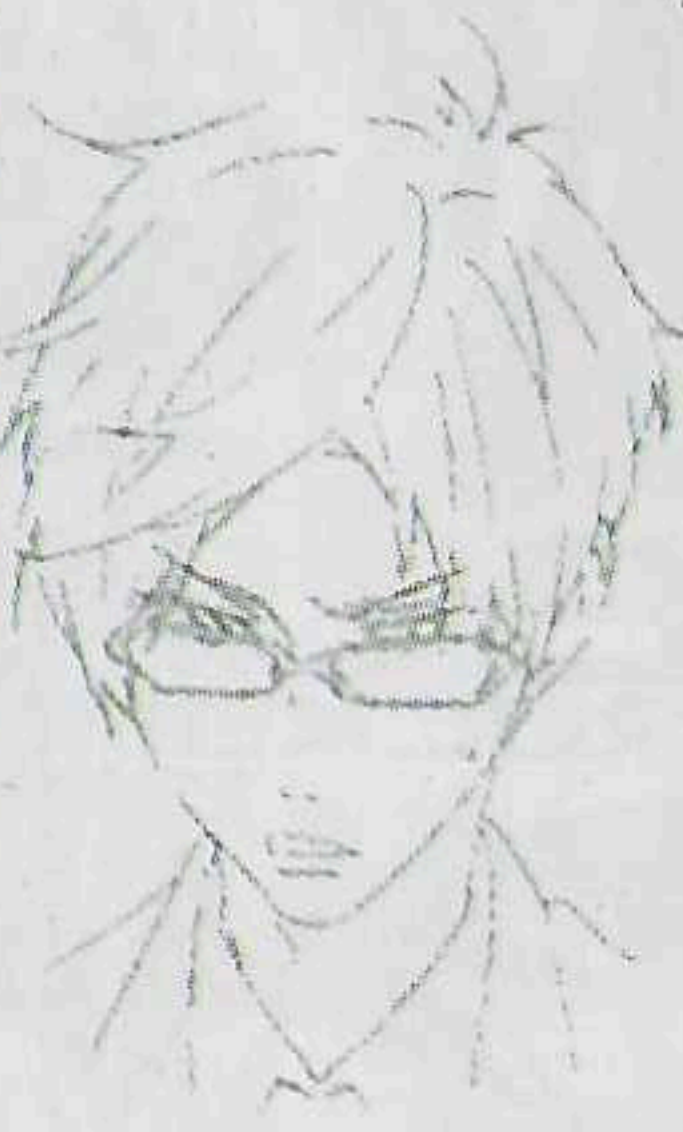
Fortunately, last April 26th, KyoAni decided to breathe life into swimming anime, with the title "Free!" From the previous Tsun, Senpai, Shouta-kun, and Pimp-kun, the swimming team members are now known as Nanase Haruka, Tachibana Makoto, Hazuki Nagisa, Matsuoka Rin, and a fifth member, Ryugasaki Rei.



Tsubasa Yonaga plays **Nagisa Hazuki**, a 10th grader who has a very strong heart, and never has any wavering in his words or actions. An admirer of Haruka's swimming and wanting to swim with him once again, he entered the same school as Haruka was attending.



Daisuke Hirakawa plays **Rei Ryugasaki**, a classmate of Nagisa's in 10th grade. He was originally a member of the track team, but decided to join the swimming club instead. A handsome, intelligent young man who often gets manipulated by Rin for some reason.



Mamoru Miyano plays **Rin Matsuoka**, Haruka's rival who is also in 11th grade. He had gone abroad to study swimming, but his personality changed immensely by the time he had returned to Japan. He often perplexes his former teammates.



Shin Megami Tensei IV for 3DS says hello this summer 2013 with a limited box set surprise!



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Last April 18, 2013, Atlus USA announced in their official site and facebook page that **Shin Megami Tensei IV for 3DS** will come in a limited edition box set, for the first printing. The set comes in a collectible slipcase with various limited edition items, such as: a 176-page Strategy & Design book which includes a starter guide, and different never-before-seen designs made by the character designer Masayuki Doi; a Shin Megami Tensei Music Collection CD which offers fully selected tracks from the SMT series; and the game itself. The limited edition box set

can be pre-ordered through various online sites enlisted in the official website of ATLUS, prior to the game's official release dated on July 16, 2013. For additional information on acquiring the first printing of the game, you can visit the website of Atlus.

NOW ON PSN, BLACK ROCK SHOOTER THE GAME

by kent

Its the year 2032, a group of aliens decided to decend and invade Earth using their chemical mostrosities to bring humanity to the brink of extinction. Mzma, Xnfe, Mefe, Szzu, Ckry. Llwo and Saha search for BRS, mankind's last hope.

Black Rock Shooter The Game, is a single player RPG for PSP released only last April 25. It lets the player control BRS, helping her to grow stronger, gain skills and explore the world. Filled with missions, maps, and story arcs that may unfold new aspects of Black Rock Shooter. We suggest players should keep an eye on the Heat Gauge which wil increase with each shot fired and each sucesful dodge. If the gauge heats up, BRS becomes slower and easy target.

Developed by Imageepoch and published by NIS America, the game will make you glued to your PSP.



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The Emergence of a New Culture

Cosplay or "*kosupure*" is the abbreviation of "costume play" and Cosplayer or "*reiya*", the term used for the people who perform cosplays. It is a very popular subculture where practitioners dress up as their favorite fictional character and have fun while doing it. Of course, that is already a well known fact but do you know how it originated?

Believe it or not, cosplay did not originate in Japan, but in America. The first cosplay was done by Forrest J. Ackerman at the 1st World Science Fiction Convention in 1939. He wore his "futuriticostume" which was designed by his girlfriend. He actually believed that everyone was supposed to wear costumes at a Sci-Fi Convention, although he was the only one wearing a costume along with his girlfriend. Ironical is it not?

In 1984, when Nobuyuki Takahashi attended the World Science Fiction Convention in Los Angeles, he coined the term Cosplay by combining the words "costume" and "play". He was so enthralled by the sight of many people with costumes gathered together in one hall that he wrote about it in Japanese Sci-Fi magazines. Since then, cosplay became apparent to both the eastern and western world. It became a performance art and was adapted as a subculture by the world. And the rest is history.

What is *Cosplay*? When did it start? Where did it originate from? How does it influence our culture? Many people ponder about these questions and are left hanging without an answer. Let us take a few minutes to reminisce a bit of history and delve deeper into the world of Cosplay.

Even though cosplay did not originate in Japan, it became known as the land of cosplay. How? Japan took the art of cosplaying into a whole new level; so much so that they inspired the whole globe and it started a worldwide fandom. It became a popular form of presentation in events, gatherings and conventions. It also had an effect on street fashion in various countries.

Nowadays, cosplay is portrayed by dressing up as characters from animes, mangas, games, movies and anything that is based on fiction. It does not necessarily have to be of Japanese origin and it may also come in all shapes and sizes. Many outdoor events are held to commemorate the art.

As the popularity grows, cosplay competition in conventions became the target of competitive cosplayers. It may also serve as a debut for aspiring cosplayers. These competitions gave rise to popular cosplayers worldwide and some talented cosplayers are now recognized and respected as cosplay idols.

That's a brief history of cosplay in a nutshell. Have you been enlightened? Even if you're a professional practitioner of this culture, were you able to get something out of it as well? For all the cosplayers out there, please always remember one thing: have fun.



Cosplaying in the Philippines

The Philippines is one of the most competitive countries when it comes to Cosplaying; so much so that many events are held solely for cosplay competitions. Competitions are not limited only on events or conventions. There are many ways they compete such as online voting and polls. Many cosplay idols and veterans have risen to fame because of it.



Summer Komikon 2013

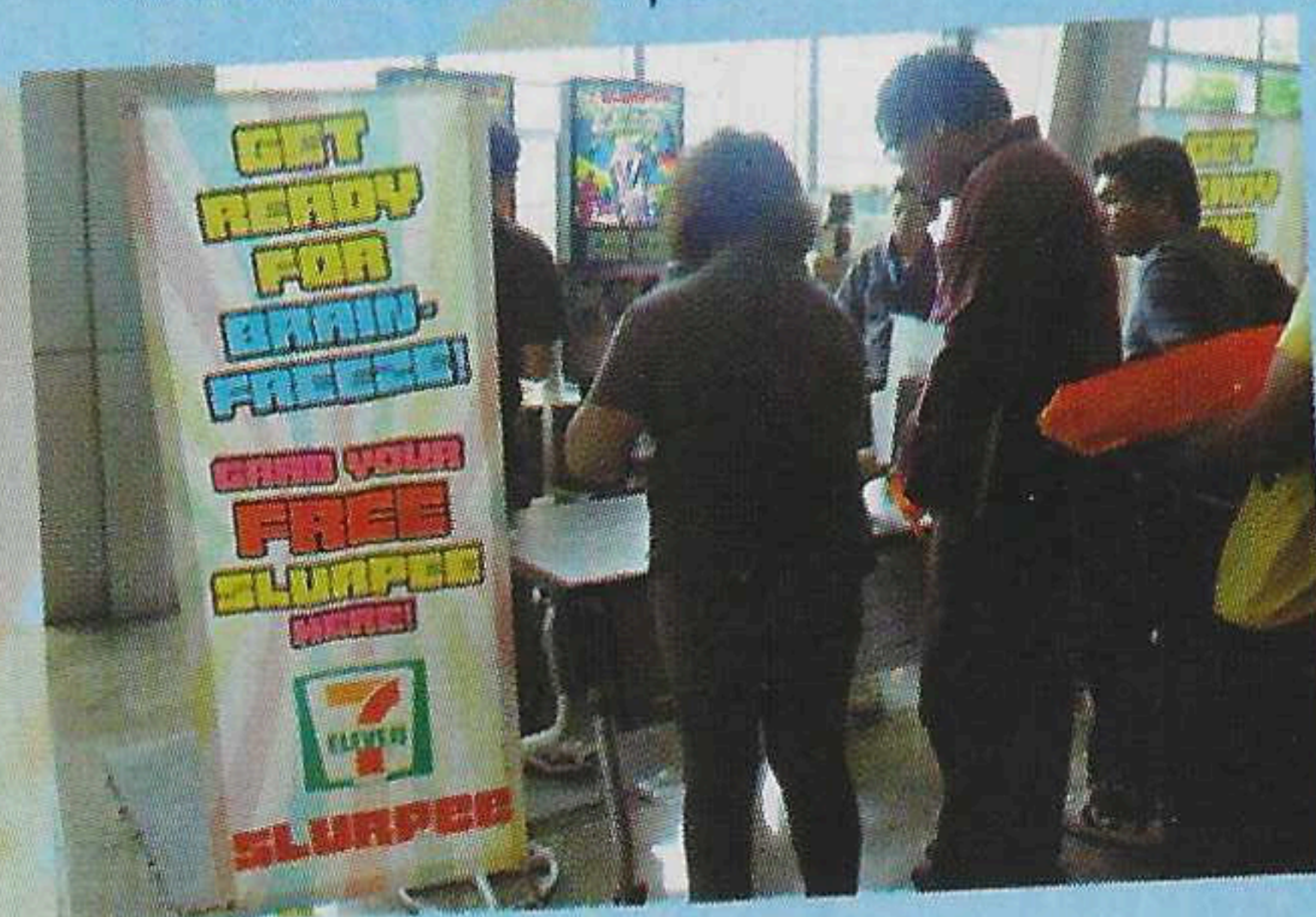
Level Up, Komik-up!



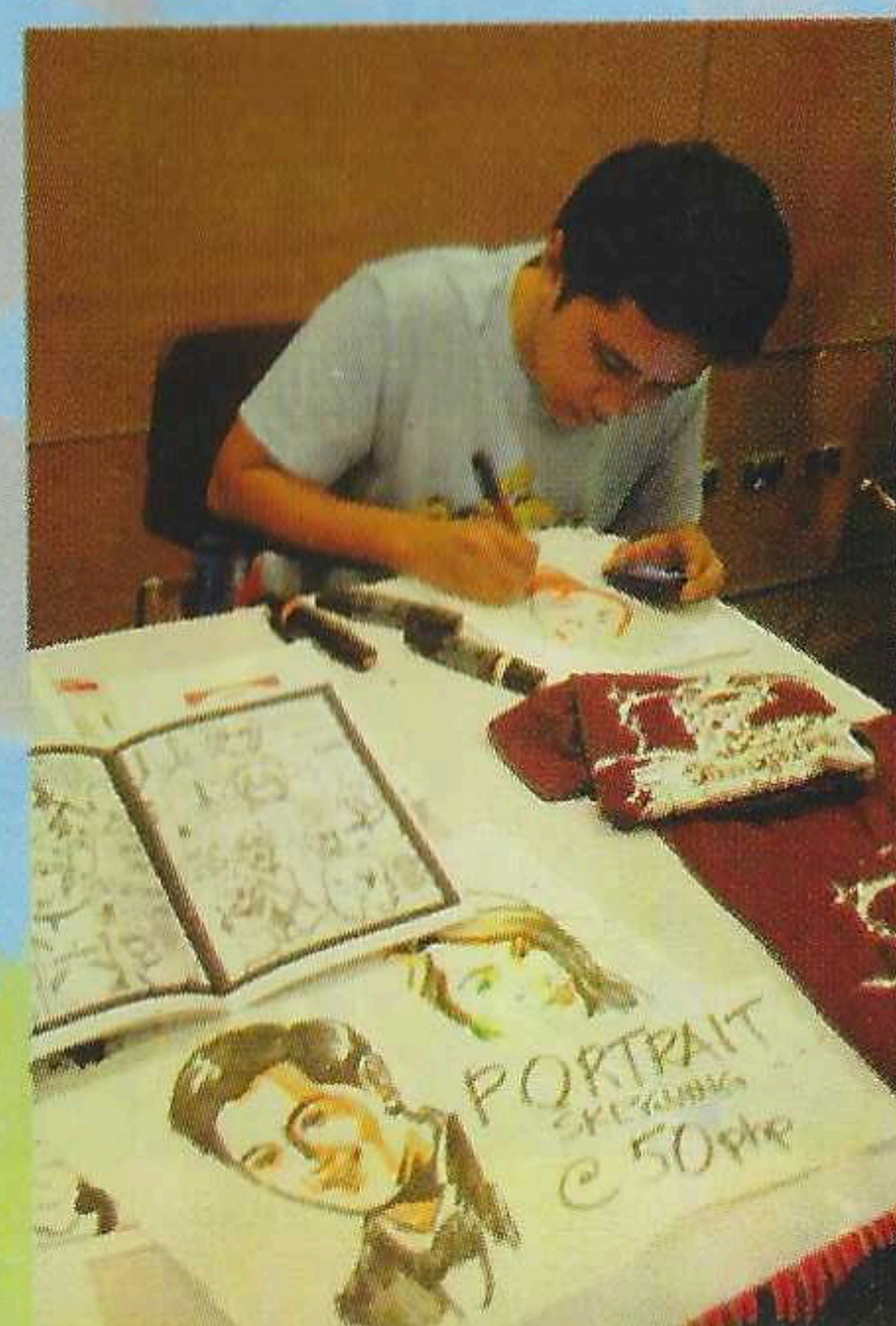
For a die-hard comic book fan, there is one event that is surely not to be missed—**Komikon!**

Since its debut event last 2005, the Komikon team had been holding events yearly, catering not only to foreign comics, but most importantly to the local comics scene, giving a wide door of opportunity for local comic artists. For this year's Komikon, it couldn't get any better, any exciting, and any more fun! Truly, it's a Komikon experience to a whole new level!

The event has been known to open an avenue of wider opportunity for aspiring comic writers and artists by giving them the chance to showcase and share their works. What sets Komikon apart from the usual idea of a comic convention is that it focuses mainly on supporting and keeping alive the local comics scene. It wouldn't hurt to be patriotic once in a while, would it?



Just before you enter the main hall, you can see the famous veteran comic artist Sir Danny Acuña, offering live sketches. It's amazing seeing him draw someone by just looking at a cellphone picture and holding his pencil for a few seconds. Now that's real talent, live!



This year's Summer Komikon features great activities like interviews and meet-and-greet with famous comic artists, international guests, and a special Indie Komiks Tiangge. Last April 13, our staff went to experience the event. Upon entry, everyone automatically gets a free Slurpee and "The Hobbit" tumbler from 7-11 upon entry! That did help in beating the heat.

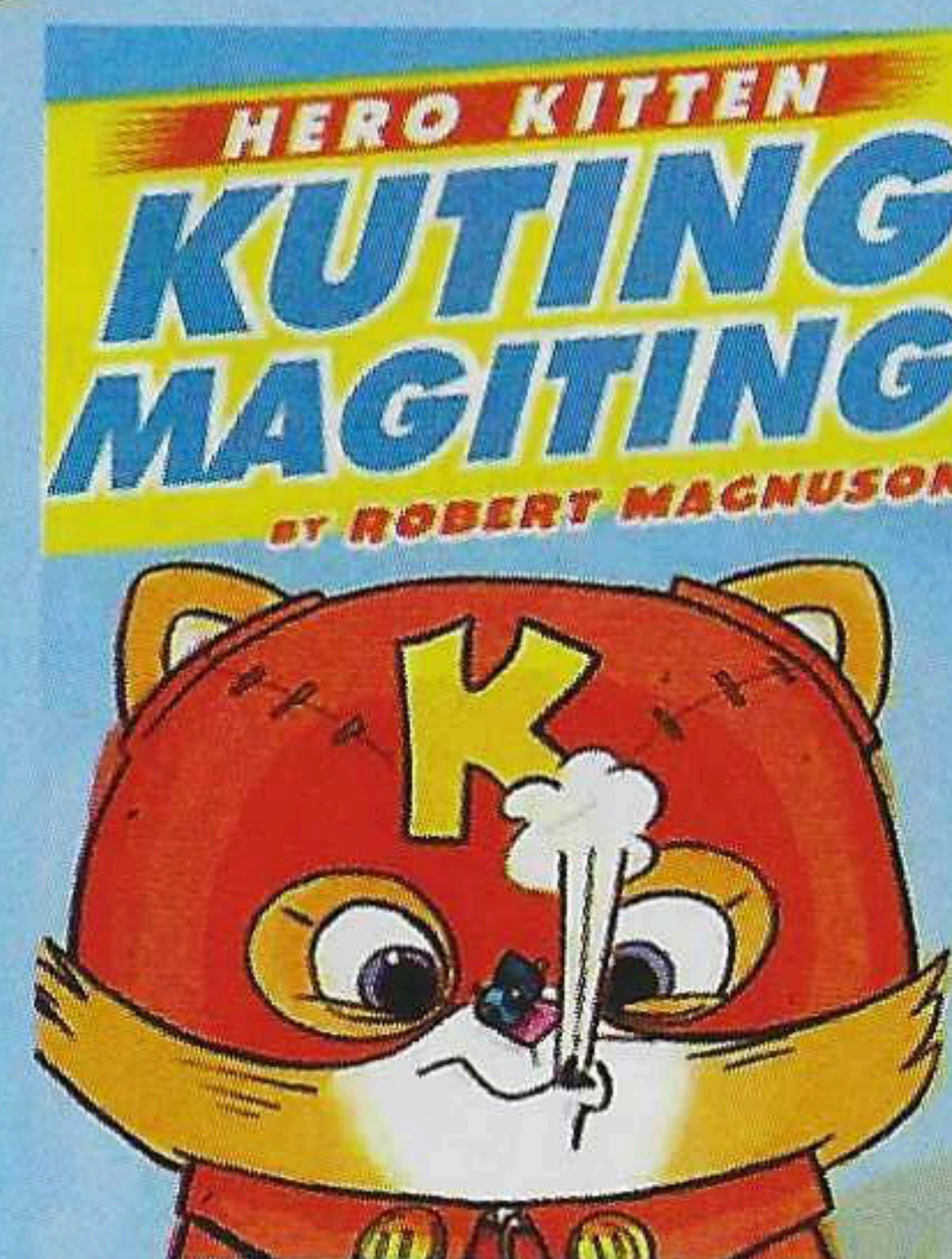
Inside the Hall—The Magic of Comics

Okay, so the first thing that you must prepare before you enter the event area is—I know you know it—your wallet. From the first inch of the hall up to the farthest corner, you'll never run out of comics you'll want to buy. National Bookstore's booth is the first that you'll notice, and they offer discounted prices on all comic books. As you walk on, you would have puked rainbows upon seeing all the comic books available for sale—Marvel Comics, DC Comics, and yes, even the original graphic novels of The Walking Dead.



More of the Komiks

Ever heard of a superhero that has the ability of a certain animal or insect? Probably, yes. There's Spider-Man, Ant-Man, Wasp, and a whole lot more. Here at the local scene, we have Ang Astiging Boy Ipis, written by Paul Michael "Mike" Ignacio. The story centers on 14-year old barrio boy Marty Pototoy and cockroach powers. With his powers, Marty saves the day as the Astiging Boy Ipis!



Cats. We all love them. They're so huggable, fluffy, and—need I say this?—extremely cute. Robert Magnuson seems to know this so much, and thus the Hero Kitten, Kuting Magiting was born! As described by the artist himself, he's fast, he's strong, and he flies—but he's no superhero yet. Yes, Kuting Magiting is a young superhero in the making that is to be trained by an exceptional dog! Not only the characters are cute, with the Hero Kitten being an orange tabby, but also the concept of him being taken care of by a dog makes the story more appealing that both young readers and those young-at-heart will love.

--->What if you can make everything you can dream of come true? Ever wanted to read a Pinoy komiks about a card game? You can see that and more in the teaser issue of Next Issue: Action Comics Anthology by Art Toro Publishing. The mini teaser comic boasts of five exciting new stories, which will surely be a good buy once the first full issue comes out.

One of the crowd favorites is the booth of Manix Abrera, writer of Kikomachine Komix. The line-up of fans that are eagerly waiting for their turn to meet-and-greet him, have their book signed, and to take a photo of him never runs out. In fact, they are already given queue numbers, just to prevent the booth from being overcrowded.

Talking to the Artists

What could complete our Komikon experience better than having a close encounter with the people behind all these komiks? And us here at Otaku Magazine did not fail to have a little chat with them! To start it off, we got Kuya JP of Inkjinks.

H: So, what is Inkjinks?

JP: We here at Inkjinks are independent comic artists. We started out as college friends who sell our own comics- wala pa kaming name nun. And now, we already have like 8-12 members. We do accept applications for new members, but there is certain test he must pass first.

H: What are your first comics like?

JP: Our first comics were romance, drama, and related genres. Now, we are venturing into the genre of horror comics, so please watch out for that.

H: What's the latest on Inkjinks now?

JP: Well, one of our newest works out now is this collection of pin-up drawings. And right now, we are starting to collaborate with the famous artists.

H: That's cool! What advice can you give to those aspiring comic artists that are also dreaming of making it out there, but are just afraid?

JP: First of all, you don't have to be. The fact that you have an ambition gives you an edge against others. And try to get as much contact as possible. Getting to know the right people will really help you a lot. Like, yung mga friends mo, they can help you out in spreading your works. And of course, the funding is the toughest factor, but again, with the right people to help you, you'll be okay.

If you are a daily reader of The Manila Bulletin, you surely have read the daily series of Kulas, by Freely Abrigo. We talked to him, and here's what he has to say:

H: So sir, can you please tell us something about Kulas?

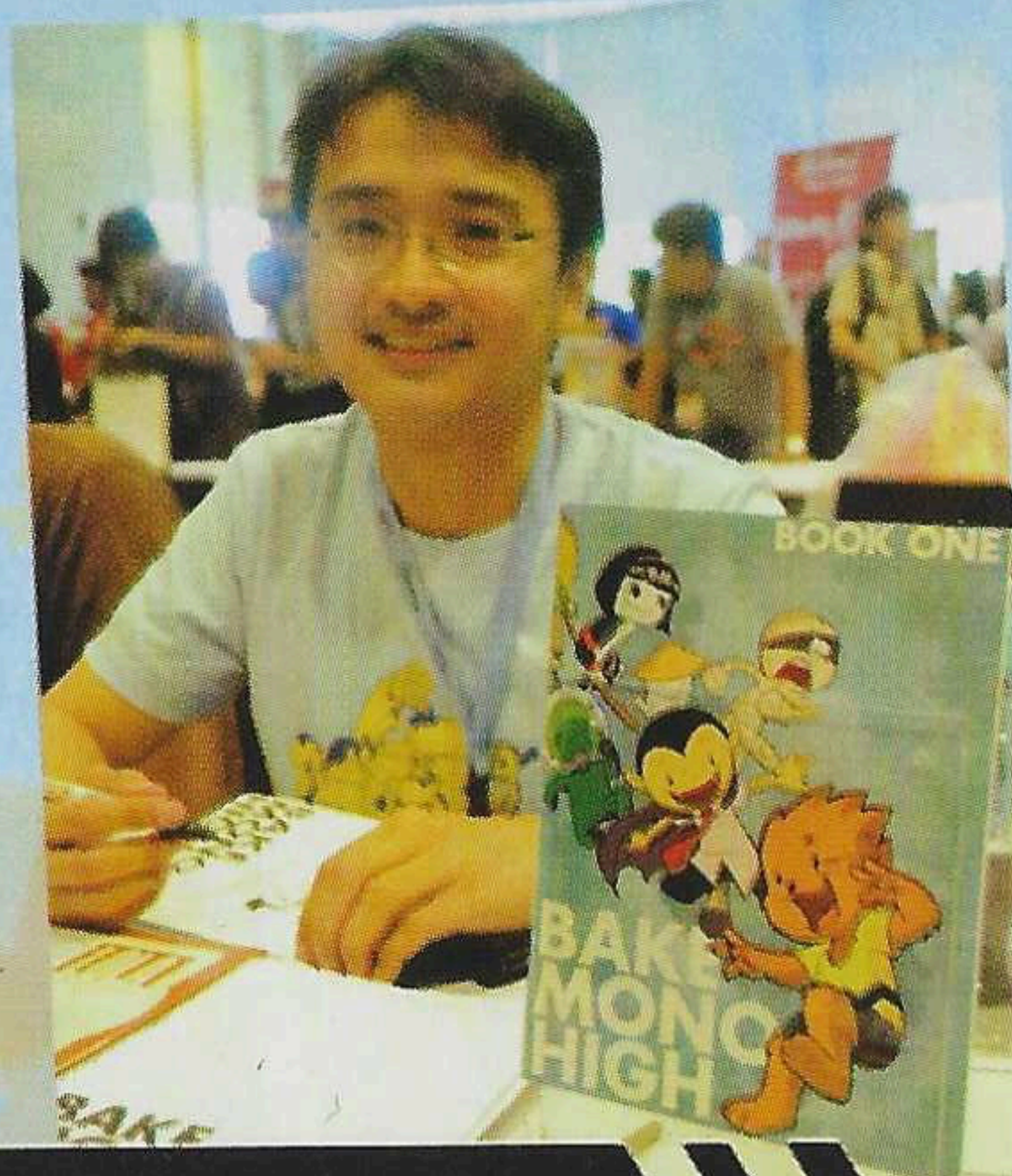
FA: Well, si Kulas, may daily series sya sa Manila Bulletin. And now, he has a book. Here *shows the book*.

H: Cool! What was your inspiration in creating Kulas as a character?

FA: Inspiration... gusto ko kasi ng isang character na madaling matandaan ng tao, yung madaling tatatak. That's why ganyan yung appearance ni Kulas. But mostly, I was influenced by Cartoon Network shows. Cow and Chicken, yung mga ganun.

H: What're your latest works now?

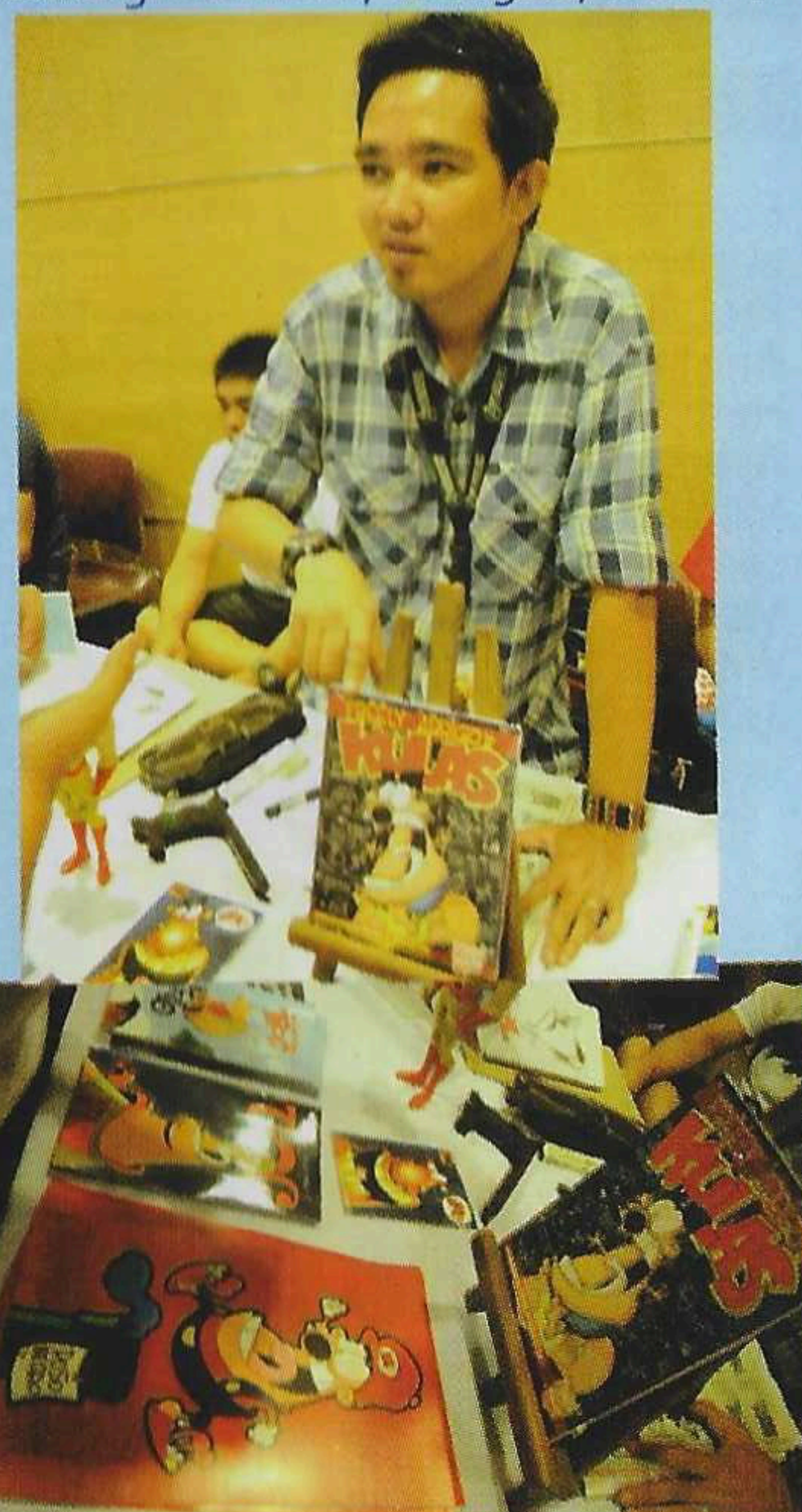
FA: We have here Kapitan Tog! What's really "new" about this is wordless komiks sya, so puro pictures lang.



Also present at the event is the creator of the series Bakemono High, Elbert Or. He is so popular with kids and their moms, since his series had been around for years now. Now that his Bakemono High has a new book out, fans will be able to enjoy his old strips again, with additional new ones. We asked him a question, and here it is:

H: How does the idea of Bakemono High being animated sounds to you?

EO: Why not? Actually, I've tried, when I was in Singapore... but what I can say is, it will only be possible if more and more people will buy my comics. So please buy my comics!



And of course, we won't forget Trese. We visited their booth and we got the chance to talk to Budjette Tan, the writer behind the hit crime-horror komiks:

H: Sir, what do you think is the unique thing about Trese that made it a hit?

BT: Well, I think its supernatural element with the modern appeal is what made it unique. And I guess that's what people loved nadin.

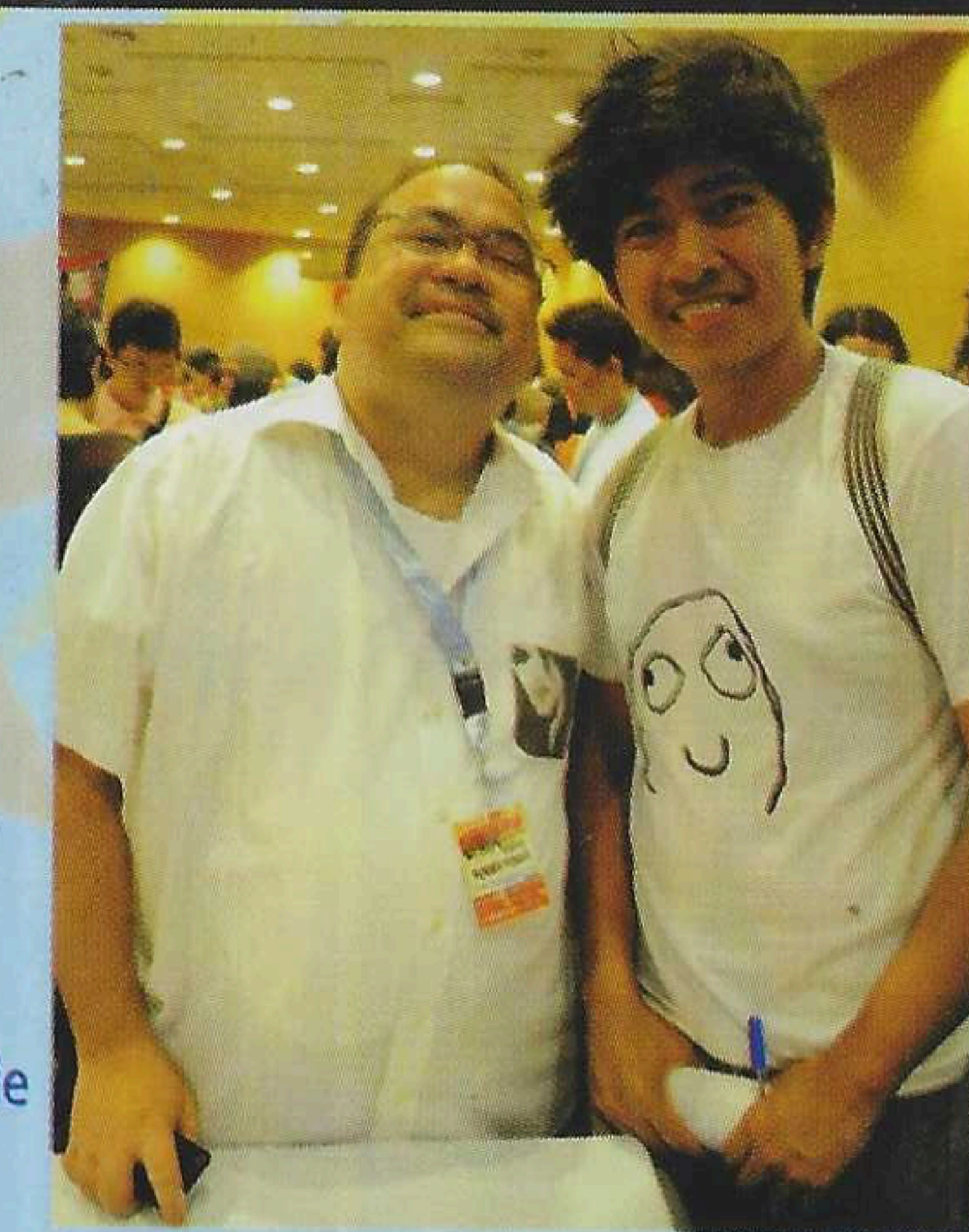
After talking to them, I guess this event just proves how right Kuya JP is about what he said. All artists here at the event, at some point, were striving unknown artists. But because they had the ambition to one day have their works known by the people, here they are now.

The same can be said to the artists at the Independent Komiks Tiangge, in a conference hall separate from the main event. There, you can see aspiring artists who bravely carried with them their ambition, and produced promising works to share to us.

Filipino Komiks Truly Lives On

Being at the event surely had made everyone remember that the best reads and the best talents can also be found here. And not only that, everyone temporarily came back to their childhood. Looking back once again and seeing the characters we have always loved, and at the same time discovering new ones.

Everyone went home carrying with them a truly remarkable experience. What more fun can summer be than having yourself indulge in all the komiks you bought.



KAT-TUN



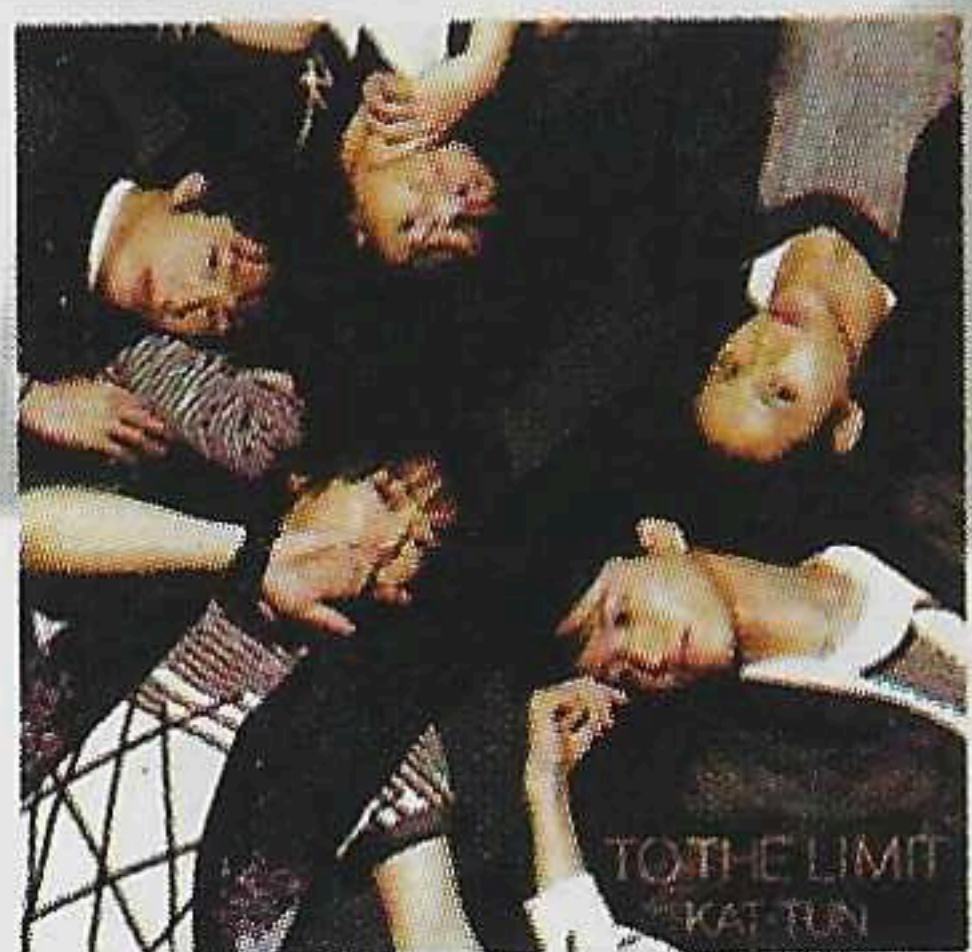
A Japanese Boy Band composed of five attractive men is now ready to rock everyone's world. Kat-tun is a Japanese boy band formed by Johnny and Associates (JE) in 2001 Tokyo, Japan and signed to J-One Records, their own exclusive record label under J Storm, Inc., in 2006.

The members of Kat-tun are Kazuya Kamenashi, Junnosuke Taguchi, Koki Tanaka, Tatsuya Ueda Yuichi Nakamaru, and Akanishi Jin. The group's name is an acronym of the members' surname initials: Kamenashi, Akanishi, Taguchi, Tanaka, Ueda and Nakamaru. Akanishi left to pursue his solo career in 2010. To retain the band name, Kamenashi's "K" was extended to "KA".

After being in the industry for five years, they debuted in March 2006 with 3 releases. "Best of KAT-TUN", DVD "Real Face Film" and their first single, "Real Face". "Real Face" was named Japan's best-selling single of 2006.

On 2002, Kat-tun had their first sold-out concert called *Okyakusama wa Kamisama - Concert 55man Nin Ai no Request ni Kotaete!!*. Some of their popular songs include Rescue, Don't U ever stop, Expose, Real face and Run for you.

Let's hope that this amazing boy band will hold a show here in the town. But for the mean time, you may want to start listening to their music as early as now and be allured to the beauty it will offer to you.



KALAFINA



Have you ever heard of a group whose music seems to vibrate into the realms of different realities? In Japan, there is a neoclassical pop group which is founded by composer Yuki Kajiura in 2007 under Sony Music Associated Records Inc., where they play all seven theme songs for the anime movie series *Kara no Kyoukai - The Garden of Sinners*. The group is called Kalafina. It is composed of 3 members namely Ootaki Wakana, Kubota Keiko and Hikaru Masai. Main vocals are sung by different members each time. For instance, *Oblivious* and *Lacrimosa* was sung by Wakana, while *Aria* was sung by Hikaru. On the others songs everyone sings a stanza.

Ootaki Wakana was born in 10th of December 10 in the year of 1984. She collaborated with Kajiura Yuki to sing "Hikari no Yukue" and "Where the lights are (Japanese Ver.)" for the anime soundtrack *Shin Kyuuseishu Densetsu Hokuto no Ken Raoh Den Junai no Sho - Yuria Den's*. Kubota Keiko on the other hand was born in 5th of December in the year 1985. She also collaborated with Kajiura Yuki to sing "Kaze no Machi e" for a soundtrack in *Tsubasa Chronicles*. Finally, Hikaru Masai was born in 2nd of July in the year 1987. She was chosen to be part of the group among the 30,000 participants who took the audition.

In their first single, "Oblivious" was performed by Wakana and Keiko which is already a part in Yuki Kajiura's "FictionJunctionproject". Then Masai Hikaru and Maya Toyoshima were added in the group through auditions, selected by the composer herself afterwards and were introduced in their second single, "sprinter/ARIA". Sadly, Maya had to leave the group because of her studies and was replaced by Kaida Yuriko on their live performances of "sprinter" and "ARIA".

Kalafina lingered to supply music for other animes like *Kuroshitsuji* and the theme song for NHK's show *Rekishi Hiwa Historia*. They released three full albums namely "Seventh Heaven" in 2009, "Red Moon" in 2010, and "After Eden" in 2011. They also have their latest single, *moon-festa*, which was released on 18th of July in the year 2012 and was featured on the NHK's TV series "Minna no uta".

Kalafina is indeed a great band and I would highly recommend for the music fanatics out there to listen to their music and enjoy the lasting impression it would give to you.



FACE to Face

by KATTUN



fukitsukeru kaze mo kirisaku you ni
kokoro no mama ni hashitte tsuita
basho de
utsumuku koto mo naku miageru koto
mo naku
ishi wo motazuni nagareru kodoku daite

kagami no naka furimuku senaka wa
te wo nobashitemo tsukamenai REALITY
aa hitotsu dake hitori dake kono sugata
wo

ore ga dare ka dare ga ore ka
yuzurenai ima motometsuzukete

ari no mama aru ga mama
seou DESTINY sakebitsuzukete
kataranai hadaka no MY HEART koware-
ru made
sou mitsumeai mitomeai shinjaeru
modorenai tomarenai
yoru ga kitemo owaranai STORY

Fairytale

by Kalafina



Kodomo no koro ni oitekita
Yume wo omoidashita
Wakagusa iro no kanashimi wo
Hosoku amaku utau
My fairytale

Nani mo owaru koto no nai
Eien wo shitteita
Mou dare mo kataranai
Futari no monogatari

KISU wo hitotsu nokoshite
Kimi wa doko e yuku
Tomoshihi hitotsu daite
Mori ni kieteyuku
In the dark

Zutto tooku e aruiteku
Natsukashii omokage
Zutto tooku ga kimi no ie
Tadoritsuke wa shinai
Your fairytale

Yume ni mita eien wa
tozasareta mama de
Ayamachi wa fukaku
kakusareta mama de
Kiete yuku kaerimichi
Kimi ga mou mienai
Sayonara

Kiri no mori wo nukete
Kimi wa doko e yuku
Hitotsu dake te wo futte
Asu e satteyuku

Kimi wo suki ni natte
Eien wa owaru
Ikiteyuku yorokobi to
Itami ga hajimaru

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They say beauty is only skin deep though sometimes there is beauty so deep that you can almost drown in it. You probably won't find beauty like that here on Earth, but only in the waters of the anime world. So for this month's Hodge Podge, since it is summer, the perfect time for beaches and babes, we present to you the

BEAUTIES OF THE DEEP

Nami (One Piece)



What better way to get things splashing than sailing off from shore with the Straw Hat Pirate's nautical navigator, Nami. A pirate in every sense of the word, she is exceptional in skills needed to survive the seas such as making maps and sea charts and telling the weather, as well as in stealing treasure, the very reason how she met Luffy and beginning her life as a vital part of her crew. Heck, if not for Nami, they would all be perpetually lost at sea, never to find the much-coveted One Piece that they've set out to find. And don't even think that these are the only things she can do for her crew, as she can hold her own in battle as she is proficient with her weapon the Clima-Tact, a staff created by Usopp that allows her to do powerful weather-based attacks. But of course, we all know that she made the list because of her beauty, which grew even greater, along with her new hair. One of the most beautiful girls in the series, many men have been smitten with her throughout the course of their journey, especially Straw Hat's very own master chef Sanji, who can't even seem to get a break. Sorry Sanji, you'll never get with a girl like Nami, whose worth is so much more than her bounty.

Juvia Lockser (Fairy Tail)

A former member of Phantom Lord's most powerful wizards the Element Four, she is a master of water magic, able to control it at will to make it trap and attack her enemies, and even whip up a massive whirlpool. She can also turn her body into water, allowing her to move freely. Joining Fairy Tail after Phantom Lord was disbanded; she is now a true blue part of the guild, deeply caring for everyone and is more than willing to take a hit for them. Among the guild, she loves Gray and cares about him deeply because he is the one who made her stop feeling alone, making the rains around her stop and gave her clear blue skies all throughout. However, he obviously doesn't feel the same way and is even irritated at her displays of affection (sometimes).



Misty (Pokemon)

If your first ever Pokemon got attacked by a flock of Spearows and is in need to be treated at the nearest Pokemon Center, what do you do? Find a girl and grab her bike. Your Pikachu's gonna wreck it, but that's okay, because you'd get a boyish yet pretty lady companion in your journey named Misty. Smart and lively, she would always cheer on Ash whenever they're in sticky situations. However, she easily gets mad or irritated especially when Ash or Brock says or does something stupid. She is not just another Pokemon trainer, but the leader of Cerulean Gym. Specializing in Water-type Pokemon, she can definitely wash out any trainer's calm and level-headedness, especially when her Pokemon are in the water, giving them an almost unfair advantage and she never takes it easy on anyone, not even Ash. Though remarked by her sisters as "Runt", in our book, she is the most beautiful because of her deep and genuine concern for her friends and Pokemon.



Umi Ryuuzaki (Magic Knight Rayearth)



Every woman wants a knight in shining armor; but what if the woman is the knight? Umi Ryuuzaki is tall and elegantly beautiful with a model-like frame and long blue hair, the very image of a lady from a wealthy and affluent family. Having a strong personality, she is usually calm and collected and would easily speak her mind. Through the many battles she had fought and won and the people she met along the way, she fully embraced what it means to be a true Magic Knight, fighting to protect Cephireo and all of its inhabitants, as well as her friends and fellow Magic Knights. She wears an armor that evolves according to her magical powers and protects her from vicious attacks and spells, and also wields a rapier made of the legendary material Escudo. Being a great fencer, she is perhaps the one with the greatest prowess in swordsmanship among the three. As a Magic Knight whose element is water, she can cast water-related spells and call on Selece, the Rune-god of the sea that could both take the form of a dragon or a giant Mecha.

Tier Harribel (Bleach)

Don't go too far out into the deep, there might be sharks. Well, if Tier Harribel is the shark that we're talking about, nobody would be heeding that warning. She is an Arrancar more than worthy of a match for the genius Captain Toshiro Hitsugaya. Her zanpatou, Tiburon, is shaped like a shark's fin with a middle hollowed out and allows her to fire crescent projectiles from it. In her Resurrection form, she gains the power to manipulate water, with Cascada as her ultimate technique. Cascada - a massive surge of water rushing straight, washing away anything in its path. However, despite her rather vicious animal theme that is reflected in her fighting style and power, Harribel is concerned about the welfare and protection of her subordinates, joining Espada under Sosuke Aizen as a bid for more power in order to defend them. Aside from that, she also does not believe in killing others especially if it's only for the sake of getting stronger, as she let escape a Hollow who she could've devoured to make her power grow. A shark that protects others and refuses to kill, ironically beautiful.



Ika Musume (Shinryaku! Ika Musume!!)

Squids are invertebrates, meaning they have no backbone. Except for one. Fed up with the pollution and destruction of the ocean, Ika Musume rose to the surface to invade it and subdue the humans, ending further pollution and destruction. Not knowing where to start, she decided to take over Lemon Beach House and use it as a foothold, and was easily persuaded by Eiko and Chizuru to take a part time job and wait tables using her strong and vivacious blue tentacles that she can control at will and easily be passed up as blue hair. With her new life at Lemon Beach House, she began her "invasion" which is actually learning about humans as she starts experiencing human conditions. Her Napoleon complex would always kick in and have her do something that is a part of her invasion plan, which would either be regarded as a mere nuisance, backfire at her, or worse - turn out as something good. As much as she says that she hates humans, it's quite obvious it's not true.



Skuld (Oh My Goddess!!)

Between the love of Keiichi and Belldandy, one of the many things standing in the way is Belldandy's little sister Skuld. However, even though she would always find ways to meddle with the Keiichi and Belldandy's romance, she doesn't really actually hate Keiichi, and actually likes him to a certain extent. Despite being the youngest, she is always looking out for her big sister and making sure that Keiichi doesn't pull off anything funny with Belldandy, whom she always seeks the attention and approval of. With her great intelligence and talent in engineering, to say that she is excellent at handling and inventing machines is a definite understatement, as she can invent a machine in response for almost every spell Urd and Belldandy has, befitting of her role as the Norn of the Future. Useful as her talent may be, she has mostly used it on Keiichi to either stop his advances with Belldandy or just simply downright annoy him. Aside from that, she has an ability to control water, although she has yet to fully control it, as her spells would usually go out of control, resulting to huge waves of water in the process. However, since her powers are yet to be fully realized, Belldandy herself said that Skuld has the greatest potential among the three of them should that time come, even though she possesses great talent and potential, she still envies Belldandy and Urd for their maturity and experience and would always demand to be treated like an adult even though she's not exactly acting like one.



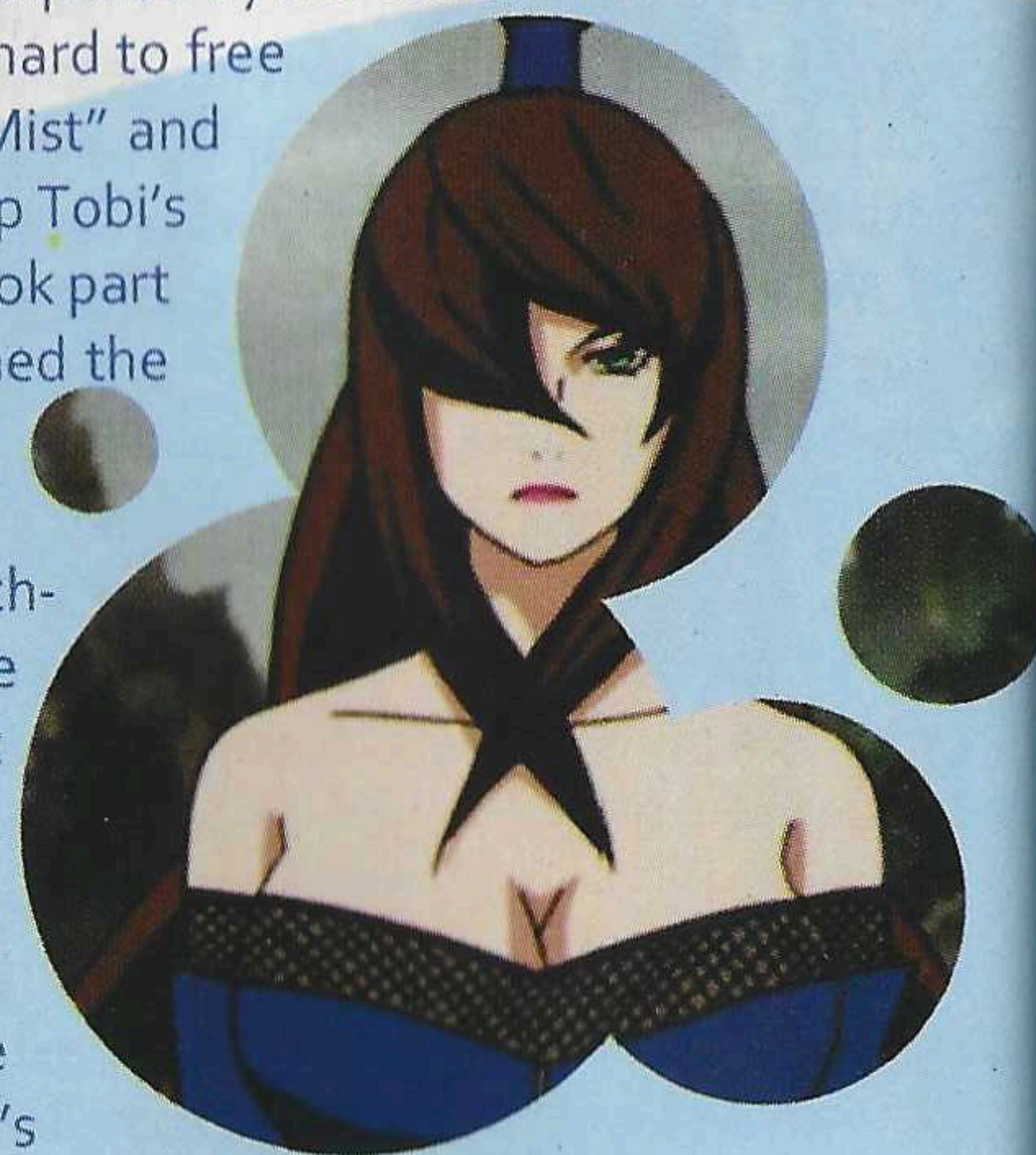
Sailor Neptune (Sailor Moon)

Sailor Neptune, known as Michiru Kaiou, is one of the Sailor Soldiers sworn to protect the Earth as well as the entire solar system from whatever force that threatens to destroy it. Sailor Neptune is later introduced in the series' third season Sailor Moon S; she fights alongside her lover Sailor Uranus, also known as Haruka Tenou. With her Neptune Planet Power, unlike Sailor Mercury whose power is simply based on water, she is granted powers based on the ocean and is able to use her attack known as Deep Submerge, in which she channels her magical powers to create a huge ball of energy accompanied with rushing riptides. Using her talisman known as Deep Aqua Mirror, she can use her attack known as Submarine Reflection, revealing the enemy's weakness and attack. And even when she's just being her usual human self Michiru Kaiou, she is still a cut above from the rest. With wavy blue green hair and slim frame, she is a lady that exudes beauty, elegance, class, and intelligence, with Tsukino Usagi going as far as saying that she is how a fairy tale princess should look like. Aside from her beautiful appearance, she is also very intelligent, as she is a concert-level pianist and violinist at such a young age. But most importantly, because she is a Sailor Soldier, she is also caring, kind, especially towards Sailor Uranus. Bring out the L word - Love.



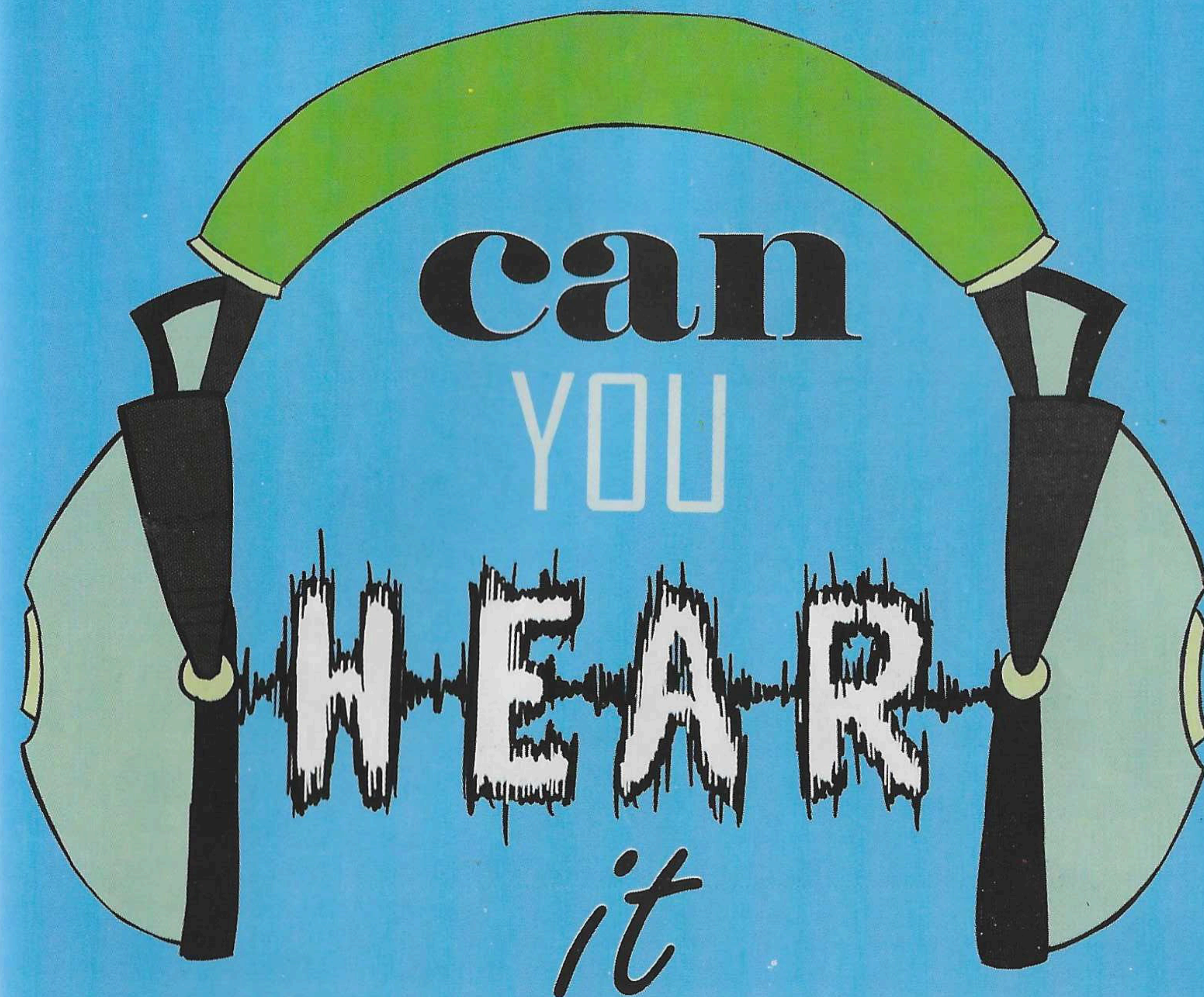
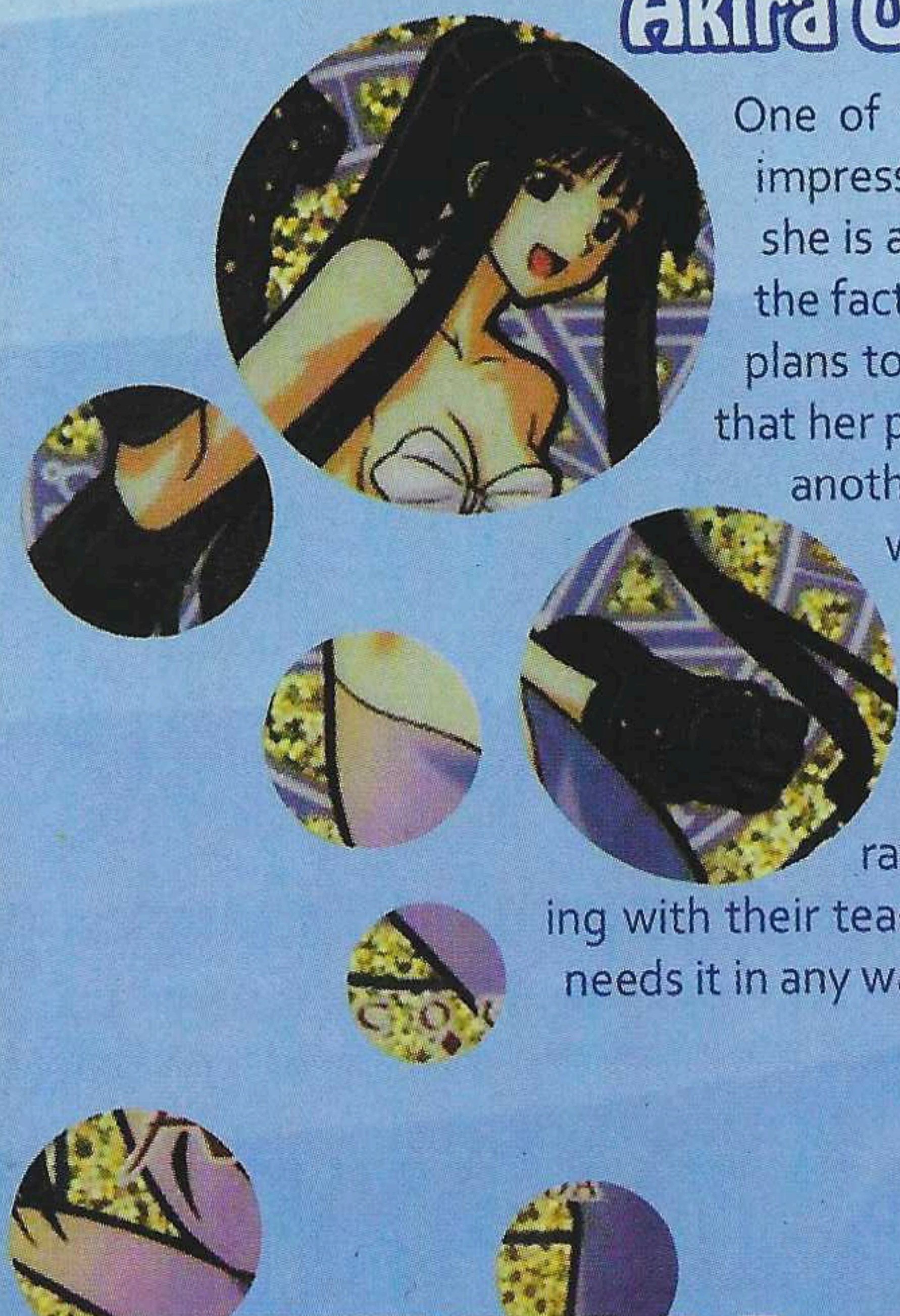
Mei Terumi (Naruto)

A woman should be graceful, charming, calm, kind, respectable, and of good cheer, more so if she is a leader, but for a woman who leads an entire village, those qualities are not enough. Aside from such qualities, she also needs to be strong. And that is what Mei Terumi is, the fifth Mizukage of the Hidden Mist Village. A leader whose greatness is equaled by her concern for her village as well as of the entire shinobi world, she has worked hard to free her village from its dark past after being known as the "Bloody Mist" and mend political relations with the other villages. Determined to stop Tobi's bid in world domination by starting the Fourth Shinobi War, she took part in the Kage Summit along with the other four Kages of and formed the Shinobi Alliance. Being a Kage, she can definitely back her talk up, as she has very fearsome Nature Release techniques. She can convert chakra into water and expel it to counter any Fire Release techniques and use Water Release techniques such as the Mist Village shinobi signature Hiding in Mist Technique and Water Bullet Dragon Technique. And for her two Bloodline Limit abilities, she can combine Earth and Fire Release to form Lava Release and spit out hot lava that can melt almost anything, as well as combine Water and Fire Release to use Boil Release and create a corrosive mist that burns whatever comes in contact with it, even Sasuke's Susanoo – a technique known to provide immense defense.



Akira Okouchi (Mahou Sensei Negima)

One of the many girls among great wizard Negi Springfield's ever-impressive harem, Akira Okouchi is not just another fish in the sea, as she is a talented swimmer who is very strong and athletic, reflected by the fact that the Mahora High School Swimming Club has already made plans to recruit her. As an exceptional swimmer, it makes perfect sense that her pactio with Negi allows her to teleport from one body of water to another within 300 meters. Calm and quiet, she isn't the type of girl who'd speak unless spoken to and is very thrifty with her words even though she's quite sociable and not actually the shy type. Mature, caring, and has an astute sense of right and wrong. And even though her teacher Negi is just a ten-year old kid, she actually sees him as a teacher who is worthy of her respect and admiration, unlike the others, scolding her friends it isn't right to be playing with their teacher's ring, as well as being willing to help him out whenever he needs it in any way she can.



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HATARAKU MAOU-SAMA!

by Lizzie

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Some of you might be considering a part-time job to avoid being tied up at home this summer vacation. Since we are the slash generation, we love leading a double-life like Masaki Ayuzawa from *Kaichou wa Maid-sama!* (student / maid) or that of Ichigo Kurosaki from *Bleach* (student /shinigami). Certainly, it's a good idea to find ways to be productive. Most of our favourite anime characters do the same, but who would have known that a devil who almost reined a kingdom also bears the title: devil / part-time employee?

Maou Satan, the lord of the underworld, is the conqueror of Ente Isla. Desperate to overpower human inhabitants, he assigns his four most powerful accomplices in the North, South, East, and West respectively. Because of the overwhelming powers of his generals, the human army is almost defeated, until a certain hero comes to save the day, the brave Emilia. During Maou Satan's intense battle with Emilia, he loses a great deal of power and suddenly retracts from the battle. He then temporarily surrenders Ente Isla into the hands of Emilia but promises to come back one day once he revitalizes his energy.

Clueless and lost, Dark Lord Satan together with General Alshiel gets transported to a place called "Tokyo, Japan" where people speak a different language ; where a certain kahtsu-dum is the staple food (whose very name rings with power according to Alshiel); and where magic is considered a fallacy. The situation worsens all the more when they discover that their magic is gone. Having been demoted from the evil of all evils into average human beings, Maou Satan and Alshiel must adapt to the living conditions in Tokyo, Japan while looking for ways to regain their powers. Satan then changes his name to Maou Sadao and Alshiel to Shiro Ashiya.

The Devil becomes a part-timer at MgRonalds and is very good at working with customers and colleagues. He aims to boost MgRonalds' sales for it to become the number one fast food restaurant in the area. But with this objective comes an underlying agenda. Maou believes that by becoming a full-time employee at MgRonalds, Sasazuka branch, he can re-conquer Ente Isla and achieve domination over earth as well. And to top it off, the anti-hero is being strictly followed by Emi Yusa, formerly known as Emilia Justina ,the hero. Without powers of her own, how could Emi battle the Dark Lord Satan who has now been adjusting well to living on Earth?

Hataraku Maou-sama! is a light novel originally written by Satoshi Wagahara and published by ASCII Media Works. Later on, two versions of the manga have been published and an anime adaptation is being produced via White Fox animation studio. It caters to the shounen demographics, but anyone from the shoujo demographics who appreciate mythical creatures and light to heavy action scenes are also bound to appreciate *Hataraku Maou-sama!* It has a comical plot and witty dialogues that would surely leave you laughing out loud. This summer, experience a hot anime full of adventures, surprising encounters, and amazing characters that help in the devil's pursuit to become a fulltime employee...or not!

SATAN / MAOU SADAQ:

The dedicated Lord of the Underworld who is now working as a part-timer at MgRonalDs in Tokyo, Japan to redeem himself. Maou is not called Maou-sama for nothing. He is adaptable and intelligent. He has the power to adapt his tongue to a certain foreign language, so after a few minutes, he already understands the Japanese language. Emi regards him as a cold-hearted creature, but Maou shows rather the opposite. He is quite heroic as a human being, offering his umbrella to the soaked Emi who, during that time, doesn't recognize him as the Dark Lord Satan. He holds the attitude of a typical male protagonist: cool, brave, smart (even though his actual role is an anti-hero). Maou is sensitive to the needs of MgRonalDs customers. He is a passionate service crew despite his motive of world domination. He is also a good senpai to his junior colleague, Chiho.

Seiyuu (Voice Actor) : Ryota Ohsaka
(Souhei Sasahara, Tonari no Kaibutsu-Kun; Yuki Sanada, Tsuritama)

ALSHIEL / SHIRO ASHIYA:

Maou-sama's trusty general who's unconsciously hilarious every time he panics. He provides most of the entertainment in Hataraku Maousama because of his innocent yet funny antics. He prefers to be called Alshiel instead of Ashiya because of his attachment to the role of an evil general. Ashiya has an uptight personality and always worries about Maou. Although Ashiya is Maou's exact opposite personality-wise, Ashiya is also good in his human being form. Only that he is protective of Maou because he is always true to his duty as a general even as a human being. Hence, he is defensive of Emi the hero whenever she comes around Maou. He does all the household chores while Maou is at work and doesn't mind wearing an apron. Maou assigns him to do research about how to retrieve their powers, so he is often found in libraries researching books.

Seiyuu (Voice Actor) : Yuuki Ono
(Taiga Kagami, Kuroko no Basket; Kaname Tsukahara, Kimi to Boku.)

EMILIA / EMI YUSA:

Raised by a human father, Emilia Justina is the hero and Maou-sama's enemy-to-death. When Emi first meets Maou on a rainy evening in Japan, she doesn't let her guard down despite Maou's courtesy. Since Emi has a perceptive character, she decides to follow Maou around when he invites her to visit MgRonalDs. When Maou tries to use some magic that's left of him to cook some fries, that's when Emi confirms that Maou is indeed the Dark Lord Satan only in his human form. Emi is not adaptable compared to Maou and Ashiya. She is having difficulties adjusting to living on earth, but is suddenly hyped when she finds out that her enemies are also transported to Tokyo, Japan like herself. She believes that being transported to the same place where her enemies are, serves as a sign to continue living to her duty as the hero. She has larger than life thoughts and she is not easily influenced by other people.

Seiyuu (Voice Actor) : Youko Hikasa
(Mio Akiyama, K-On!; Seraphim, Kore wa zombie desu ka?)

CHIHO SASAKI:

Maou's junior colleague at MgRonalDs. Chiho is quite clumsy especially when serving fries. She seems to display a huge crush on Maou. She often asks Maou for advice on how to serve their customers better. Dense as he is, Maou doesn't notice that Chiho likes him. Even so, she continues to appreciate him. Chiho is a very likeable character despite her airheaded-ness. She always does her best even if she falls short sometimes.

Seiyuu (Voice Actor) : Nao Touyama (Nii-chan, Ao no Exorcist, Margot Knight, Kyoukaisenjou no Horizon)





It is believed that real magic cannot be practiced on earth because its inhabitants are non-believers. Perhaps one way to bring back the hero and anti-hero's powers is to change people's beliefs about magic. They may also acquire their powers from the positive and negative emotions of people, but Ashiya hasn't found anything concrete yet. The means to regain their powers is still a mystery.

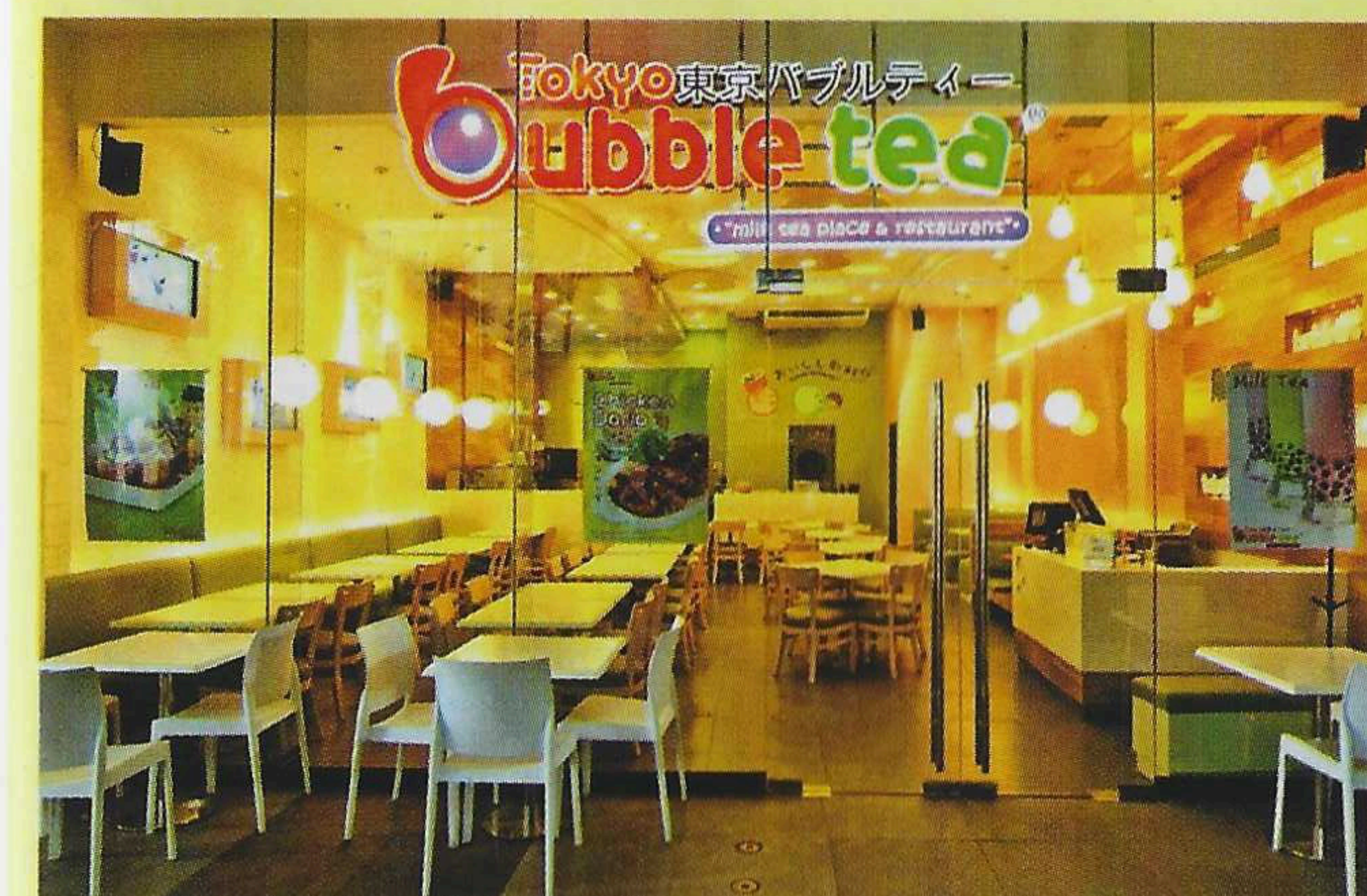
We all know what they say about *shounen* anime: don't expect romance! But who can resist predicting who's going to end up with whom? Many more characters are yet to be introduced in this new sizzling anime. Thus far, we can only predict just as much. Maou as Dark Lord Satan may be ruthless, but Maou as a human being is really kind and sensitive. Although Maou and Emi show the typical hate relationship between a boy and a girl, they have a great potential to become friends. Maou and Chiho are already friends and have a great possibility to be a couple. It is likely that Ashiya and Emi may also be the end-game. There can also be none of the pairs mentioned.

If you ever decide to lead a double-life just like Maou-sama, don't forget to be on the lookout for hot new episodes of *Hataraku Maou-sama!* this summer, and you might even get some useful tips from him!





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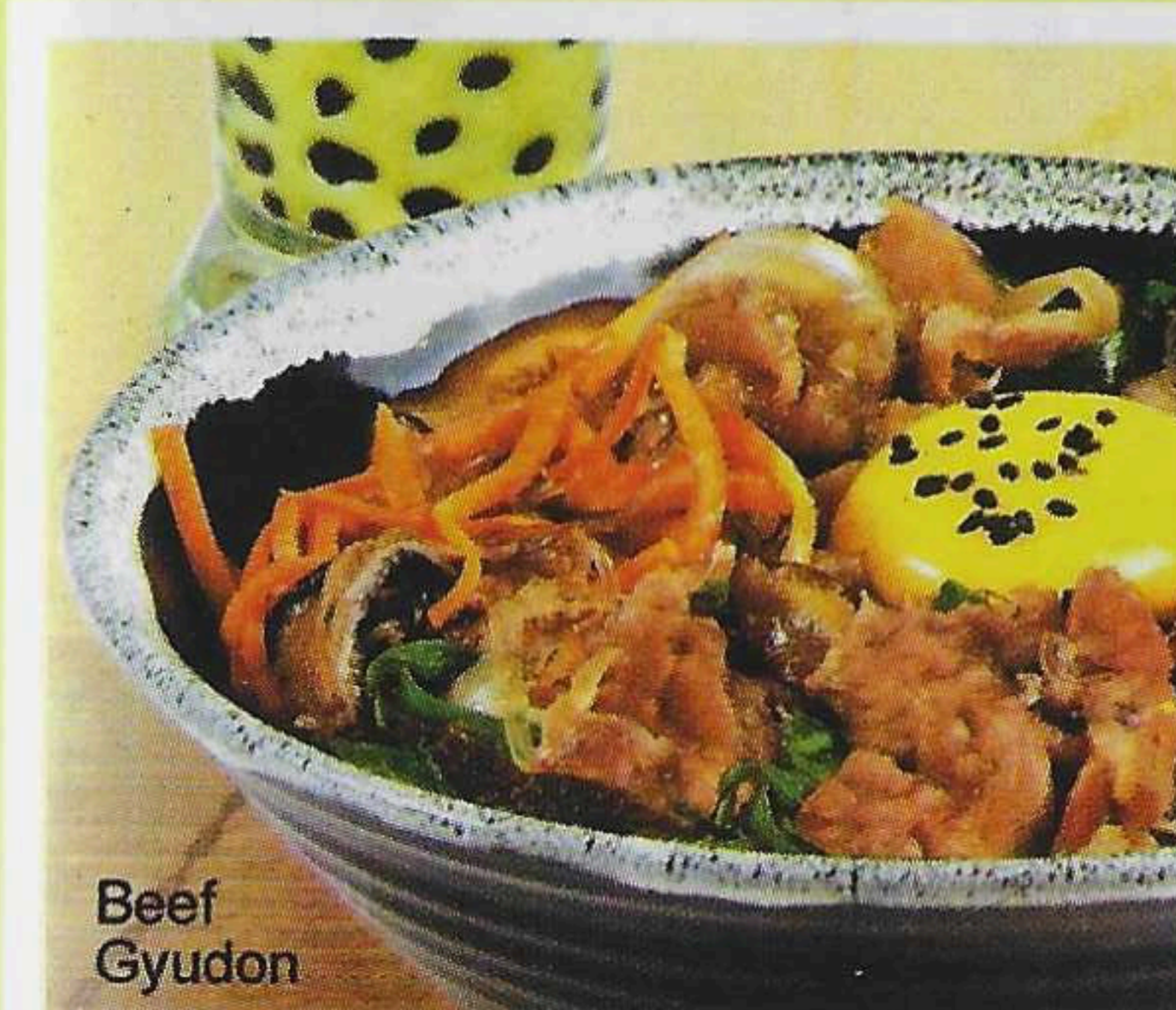


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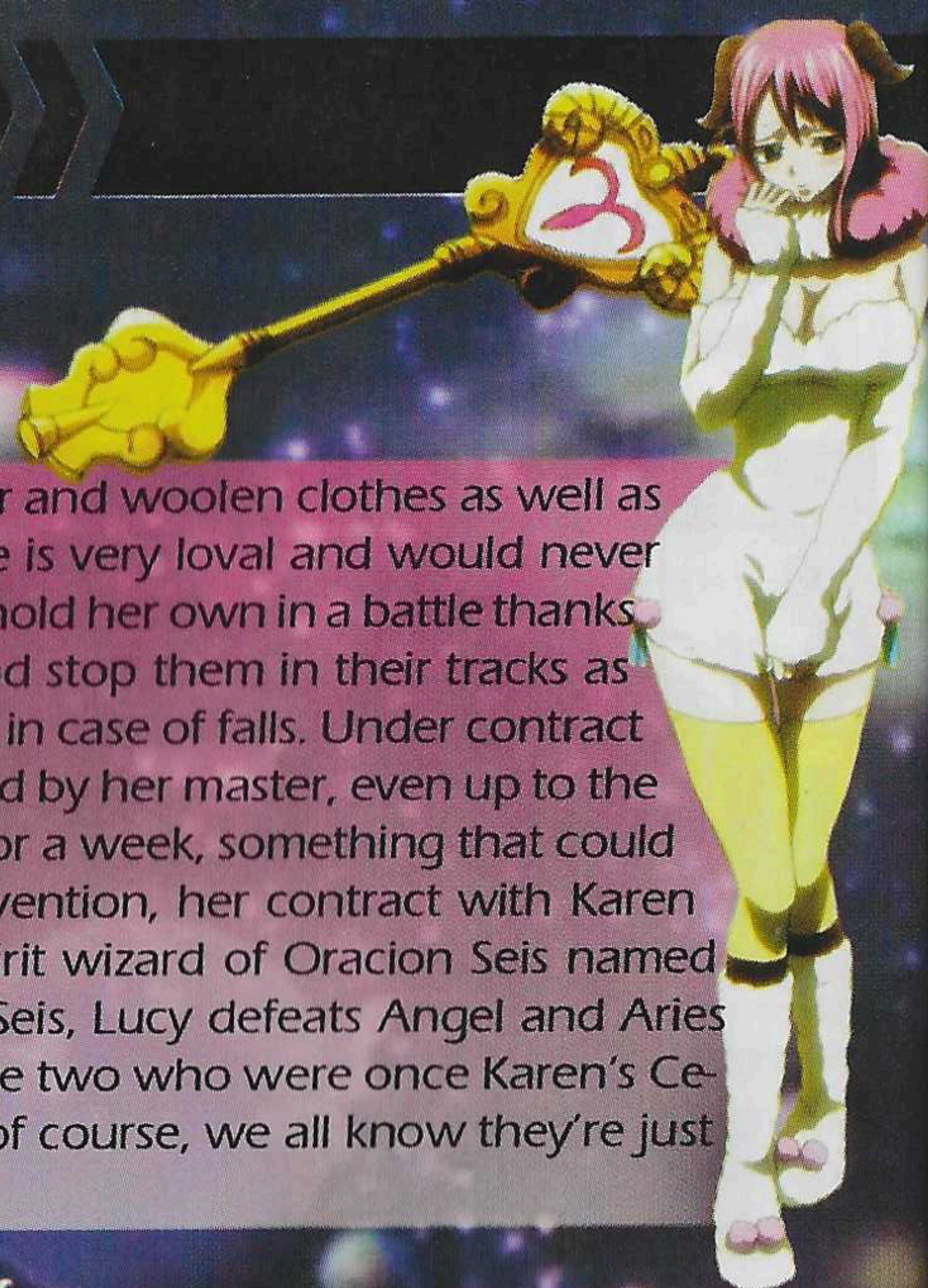
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KAZOKU SPOTLIGHT

Name: Aries "The White Lamb"
First Appearance: Episode 32
Seiyuu: Sayaka Narita

Aries is a shy, sweet, kind, and polite girl with pink hair and woolen clothes as well as leg and arm warmers. Although a little bit fearful, she is very loyal and would never hesitate to fight for her master, as she could definitely hold her own in a battle thanks to her wool magic that could relax her opponents and stop them in their tracks as well as form a wall to stop enemy attacks or a cushion in case of falls. Under contract before by Karen Lilica, she was always being mistreated by her master, even up to the point of being punished to stay in the human world for a week, something that could kill a Celestial Spirit. However, because of Leo's intervention, her contract with Karen was broken, but Karen was killed by the Celestial Spirit wizard of Oracion Seis named Angel. Three years later, in a battle against Oracion Seis, Lucy defeats Angel and Aries seeks her out to form a contract with her, reuniting the two who were once Karen's Celestial Spirits under the same wizard once again. But of course, we all know they're just friends.

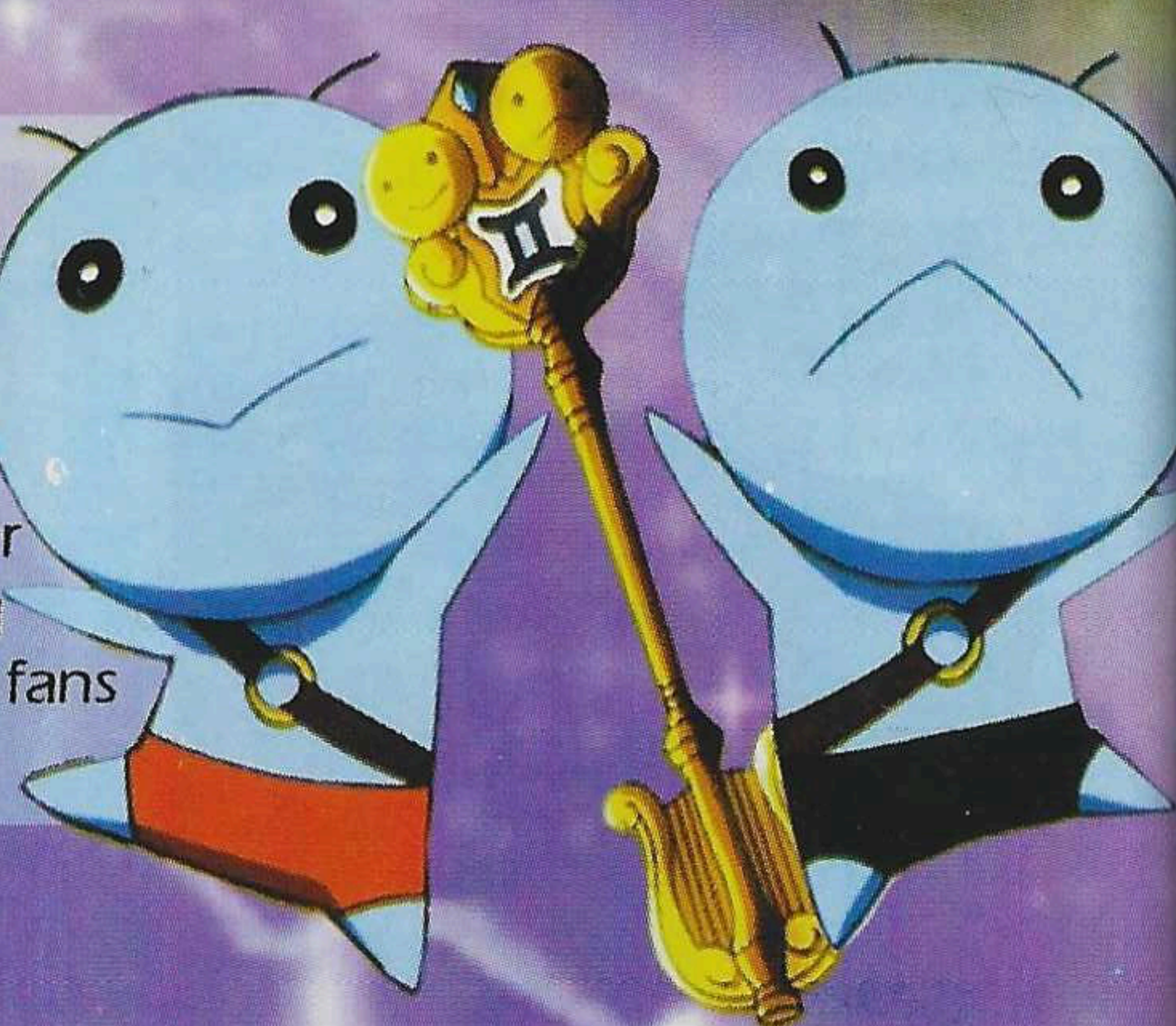


Name: Taurus "The Golden Bull"
First Appearance: Episode 2
Seiyuu: Eiji Sekiguchi

Taurus, a Celestial Spirit in the form of a minotaur that looks like a cow with black spots, swore to protect Lucy and her perfect body, and would cleave anyone who would decide to harm her. Yes, he is a pervert, but don't let that fool you, because he is not merely comic relief. Even though he does not use magic unlike the other Celestial Spirits, he is one tough, strong, and reliable melee fighter skilled with the axe, ready to battle at Lucy's call.

Name: Gemini "The Twins"
First Appearance: Episode 53
Seiyuu: Gemi - Yukiyo Fujii;
Mini - Kanami Sato

Sometimes trouble comes in pairs, especially if it's Gemini. Made up of two adorable little blue critters named Gemi and Mini, Gemini can copy the appearance of anyone for a good five minutes, use the magical powers of whoever they copied just as proficiently, and recall that person's memories. After their master Angel of Oracion Seis was arrested, Gemini, along with Aries and Scorpio, sought Lucy out, giving us fans what we want and need – more Lucy.



OPEN! 12 GOLDEN GATES

Name: Cancer "The Great Crab"
First Appearance: Episode 4
Seiyuu: Yoshimitsu Shimoyama

Funky hairdresser Cancer is definitely a fashionable dude with his red corn rows hair with two claws pronging out on each side, a striped blue shirt, green tinted shades, and a golden chain around his neck. Wielding two scissors as weapons, he uses it in battle to cut hair; but hey, nobody can cut hair as fast as he does. Nobody can cut hair in the face of danger like he does, and we all know how important hair is be it in real life and anime, most especially in anime. Cancer was more than helpful against Flare Corona from Sabertooth, whose magic power is based on hair.



Name: Loke/Leo "The Lion"
First Appearance: Episode 2
Seiyuu: Daisuke Kishio

Leo is the Celestial Spirit who is arguably the most powerful of all celestial spirits and is the head of the 12 golden gates. With a magic ring on his finger, he can conjure the powerful Regulus magic to shoot light or imbue it with his punches. Leo, punished by the Celestial King to never return to the Celestial Spirit World because his actions indirectly lead to the death of his former Celestial Spirit wizard Karen Lilica, pretended to be a Fairy Tail wizard known as Loke, until he was discovered to be a Celestial Spirit by Lucy and was saved by her after she pleaded with the Celestial Spirit King to forgive him and showed him her resolve by summoning all her Celestial Spirits at once. Thanks to that, Loke, now Leo, is now one of Lucy's Celestial Spirits.



Name: Virgo "The Maiden"
First Appearance: Episode 3
Seiyuu: Miyuki Sawashiro

A pink-haired maid with a shackled hand doesn't have much facial expression, and is always asking to be punished by Lucy after she did something be it good or bad, she was once owned by the evil and wealthy Duke Everlue before he was beaten by Natsu and Lucy. Very loyal to her master, she refers to Lucy as "hime" (princess), and can even change form at will according to what her master wants, as she could turn to a giant maid with an ugly face whenever the need arises. Aside from changing her form, she could also use Diver magic, allowing her to easily dig through the ground.



Name: Libra

First Appearance: Episode 164

Don't blame love if you fall for the sexy Libra, blame it on gravity, for that is what she's all about. With a belly dancer inspired look and the wave of the scales in her hands, she employs Gravity Change, a kind of magic that allows her to change her target's gravity, bringing whoever it may be down on their knees, floating across the air, or even pinned against a wall. Talk about tipping the scales to your advantage.



Name: Scorpio "The Scorpion"

First Appearance: Episode 58

Seiyuu: Daisuke Kishio

Scorpio will definitely sting anyone in his or his master's way with his Sand Magic that could cause a violent sandstorm. But despite his rather brusque and rough-and-tumble exterior beats the heart of a lover, for he is the boyfriend of Aquarius, and she is so proud and is very much in love with him. And he feels the same way, even leaving his previous master Angel and taking Aquarius on a date in the middle of a battle. Romantic, isn't it? Well, now that they're both under Lucy's care, we could expect more of that.



Name: Sagittarius "The Archer"

First Appearance: Episode 27

Seiyuu: Masaki Kawanabe

When one hears Sagittarius, the thought of a mighty centaur wielding a bow would come to mind; but in Fairy Tail that's not exactly the case, as Sagittarius the Celestial Spirit, whose key was given by the people of Galuna Island after they have been saved by Fairy Tail, is quite the formal fellow who's quite slow and literal in taking orders, he never misses a shot and could fire multiple arrows at once.



Name: Capricorn "The Goat"

First Appearance: Episode 101

Seiyuu: Takaya Kuroda

One of Layla Heartfilia's Celestial Spirits, Capricorn was entrusted to Zoldeo. Capricorn promised to give his strength to Layla's child should she take up magic. Zoldeo was swallowed in darkness, used his magic on Capricorn and possessed him, and later on was recruited to join Grimoire Heart. Seventeen years later, Capricorn was defeated by Leo, freeing him. He became one of Lucy's loyal servant and a trainer for the Grand Magic Games, just like what he vowed to Layla.



Name: Aquarius "The Water Bearer"

First Appearance: Episode 1

Seiyuu: Eri Kitamura

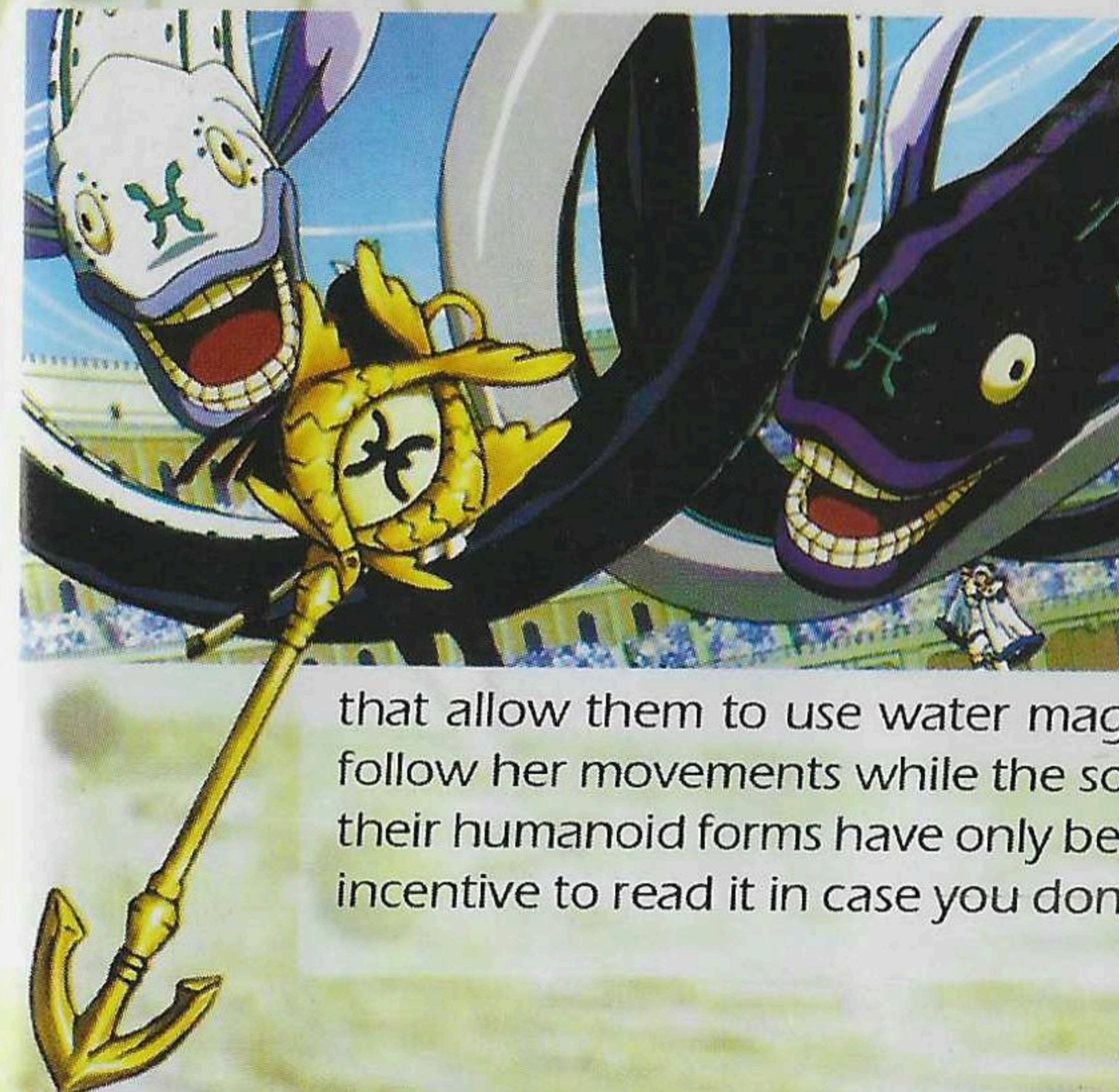
Lucy's first Celestial Spirit to ever appear, Aquarius was passed on to her by her mother, and fellow Celestial Spirit Wizard, Layla Heartfilia. She can control water to make gigantic waves to crash down on her enemies as well as Lucy. She is most of the time moody, irritable, and even angry at Lucy whenever she is summoned, always insulting her personality and telling her that she will never have a boyfriend unlike her; and maybe she's right.



Name: Pisces "The Paired Fishes"

First Appearance: Episode 164

Two long and giant fishes with big round eyes and blunt square teeth, one black and one white, swimming gracefully through the air as they are dragons, coming at the enemy at full speed – beautiful and painful at the same time, that is how Pisces is supposed to be. It is revealed that the paired fishes are mother and child, the light one is the mother and the dark one is the child. Also, they possess a true humanoid forms that allow them to use water magic, with the mother able to create water that follow her movements while the son wields a trident that sends waves. However, their humanoid forms have only been shown in the manga, giving you guys more incentive to read it in case you don't or haven't been updated lately.



In the continent of Rune Terra, because of the abundance of raw magical power, tribes would wage rune wars against each other. Magic would be used whether it be for the crafting of weapons and other tools for warfare, bolstering one's own forces, or attacks directly landed against the enemy, with little to no regard for whatever consequence it may have in the future. Because of such disregard, major cataclysms caused by excess magical powers used in the past wars have been ravaging Rune Terra, even threatening it to be destroyed should another massive rune war be waged.

As a response to this threat, Rune Terra's powerful magicians formed the League of Legends, tasked to resolve conflict. Powerful magicians representing a certain political faction known as Summoners call forth a Champion, each with their own cause – be it political or personal, to fight in behalf of them for their cause in arenas strategically placed around Rune Terra known as Fields of Justice.



Officially released on October 27, 2009, it now has 12 million players worldwide per day. With its exciting, intuitive, and innovative gameplay that MOBA games always deliver, 112 heroes – known as Champions that have each of their own diverse set of skills and play style, and four different maps called Fields of Justice – Summoner's Rift, Twisted Treeline, Crystal Scar, and Proving Grounds; League of Legends is truly a standalone game in its very own that has a very high replay value.

In the game, the objective is to destroy the opposing enemy's core structure – the Nexus, while defending your own.

In the game, you fill the shoes of Summoners. As a summoner, you gain Influence Points or IP, which can be used to unlock Champions or buy runes. And just like the Champions you control, you also level up and gain access to more spells that would aid your selected Champion in battle, as well as learn more masteries and get more slots for runes which, aside from your Champion's items, increases your attributes and performance in battle. Also, if you're undaunted in spending money to unlock content, you can purchase Garena shells and convert them to Riot Points, which can be used to unlock Champions instead of IP as well as buy your Champions skins, which are alternate looks.



Other than the Nexus' destruction being the condition for victory, the core of League of Legends is its heroes, known as Champions, 112 of them, with nine free Champions. Throughout the course of a game, Champions level up and learn new skills or improve learned ones. You also gain gold by killing lesser enemy units known as minions, neutral monsters found in jungles, as well as enemy Champions, which could be used to purchase items that enhance a Champion's attributes, give off an additional effect, or provide an additional skill for offense, defense, and support.

LEAGUE OF LEGENDS UPDATE

With the current 3.5 patch, the game has encountered much change, having an old Champion re-vamped, a new champion joining the roster, and a tale hinting the arrival of a newer and sinister one in the indefinite near future.



Gathering Fire: Damage from Karma's spells and basic attacks lower Mantra's cooldown.



Inner Flame [Q] – Sends forth a ball of spirit energy, dealing magic damage and slows enemies; becomes Soulflare if enhanced by Mantra, with increased damage and leaves behind a zone that slows and, after a brief delay, explodes for AoE damage.



Focused Resolve [W] – Tethers an enemy with Karma, revealing it and dealing damage over time. Should the tether not be broken, the enemy becomes rooted. Becomes Renewal if enhanced by Mantra, deals bonus damage and heals Karma over time.



Inspire [E] – Shields an ally and grants increased movement speed. Becomes Defiance if enhanced by Mantra, which makes the shield give off energy, dealing damage to enemies and grant the same effect on allies.



Mantra [R] – Empowers Karma's abilities, adding an extra effect to the next ability cast. This skill does not require a skill point and is available at level one.

Karma the enlightened one



Karma, after quite some time, has been given a much-needed and much-deserved reinvention, both aesthetically and skills-wise. Now, more in tune with her inner self, she has these new set of skills that make her worthy of her fearful name.

Lissandra the ice witch

There is a new power on the rise from Valoran's cold north; described as a tall slender figure floating over the ice that appears to be human but is not human at all, she has wicked shards, unnatural black ice spiking from the ground beneath her, as well as cold dreadful air around her. But I'm sure you guys feel no dread and cold, you feel excited and heated up for the arrival of this new Champion –

Lissandra the Ice Witch.



[Passive] Iceborn – Lissandra's next ability costs no mana. A successful hit with a movement impairing abilities reduces Iceborn's cooldown.



[Q] Ice Shard – throws a spear of ice and shatters on contact, dealing damage and slowing movement speed. Enemies behind the target take



[W] Ring of Frost – Freezes an area around her, dealing damage to nearby enemies and rooting them in place.



[E] Glacial Path – Launches a slow-moving long-range ice claw in battle, damaging enemies in its path. Can be reactivated to teleport to where the claw currently is.



[R] Frozen Tomb – If cast onto self, Lissandra is rooted and encased in ice, becoming invulnerable and untargetable while dealing damage and slowing nearby enemies. When cast onto an enemy, it deals damage and stuns them briefly and also damages and slows nearby enemies.



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GRANDCHASE REBIRTH

Go for the lost world! The chasing goes on as new class advancements, skill trees, gacha items, exciting dungeon events, advanced dark forces and a thrilling story development for our favorite characters welcomes the players in the improved Grand Chase online games.

Developed by Korean Online Gaming studios (or KoG Studios) and brought to us by Level Up! Games Inc., this MMOG has improved so much since its first release. Every character, background, facial expressions and avatars designed to complement with real-time events. GCPH is actively hosting "Digmaan" or the Grand Chase regional games throughout the country in order to name the finalists for the upcoming Level Up! Live championship on July 6 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila in Pasay.



Hungry Pets' Revolt

~ is a special event dungeon. Purrrthos, a swashbuckling cat, leads the hungry pets in a rebellion against masters who let them starve. They will be attacking on the Queen of Sardin's birthday banquet and steal all the food. It's up to the members of the Grand Chase to fend off the attack and save the banquet.



Wizard's Labyrinth or Phantasmic Sector

(The *Mirror of Illusions* in the Philippine server)

~ is the third Hero Dungeon of the game. Kassias Grandiel created this dungeon to test and improve the Grand Chase's skills in hopes for them to have a stand against Ashtaroth. This is where Ley von Crimson River and Rufus Wilde joined the party, as they appear with them in Berkas' Lair.



Berkas' Lair

~ is a Raid dungeon which actively engages and promotes a co-operative gameplay with up to 6 party members against an extremely powerful boss. The Grand Chase, who were traveling the deserts of Alcupra, sensed a collision between huge energies in the desert. Realizing that something was wrong, they decided to investigate. Together with the Holy Knights they discover the existence of Berkas after searching the dragon's lair.

Kounat's Collapse

~ is the last dungeon in Archimedia. The Grand Chase arrive at the heart of Archimedia, immediately taking notice of Kounat's castle, which is supposedly destroyed long ago. Grandiel greets them and informs them of Ashtaroth's presence, though they are interrupted by Drawl. Grandiel heads off to confront Ashtaroth while the Chase deal with Drawl and later, Veron.

Zero Zephyrum

"Will I find what I seek today?"

In the Ancient Demon wars, Duel Pone Jack Avenger, wielder of the demon sword 'Eclipse', lost his reasons and his lust for destruction awakened. Oz Pone Max Rheinhardt created the demon sword 'Grandark' which would rival Duel's Eclipse. However, he was unable to control Grandark's powerful ego and created someone to be its wielder. After much time had passed, a wanderer appeared in Aernas, dragging something behind him and leaving a trail.

Rufus Wilde

"I shall lead you to death"

Rufus (Luxus in the Philippine server) is Lass' half-brother. He is the son of Legis, an infamous Bounty hunter from the underworld. Bearing a grudge towards his father who left him when he was young, Rufus trained to be a Bounty Hunter in order to surpass his father's abilities. He once failed his battle with the powerful dragon Berkas to whom he lost his left arm. Through magic, he eventually got his arm replacement. He seeks to harness the powers of the blue flames which Lass possesses.

Asin Tairin

"One needs to fully understand the problem in order to find a resolution"

Asin Tairin was the vice-captain of the Silver Knights. During the fall of the Silver Land, Asin battled with the monsters and was thoroughly injured. Believing all his fellows died, he was found and saved by a boy. He made the boy his disciple and trained him in the ways of a fighter, to carry on the honor of the Silver Knights. After teaching everything to his disciple, he named the boy Asin and passed away. Asin, who was born again with his new name, started his search for someone else to make himself stronger.

Ley von Crimson River

"Jeeves! ... Where is he?"

In the world of Demons, some royal families dominated. However, the Extremists had become stronger and the head of the Moderates had disappeared. Ley is the daughter of one of the strongest Moderate royal family, the Crimson River. Her father, Peter von Crimson River, sensed a suspicious atmosphere and sent Ley to Aernas to search for Dio who is the head of the Burning Canyon, to confirm their strong alliance with the family. Her butler's name is Jeeves.

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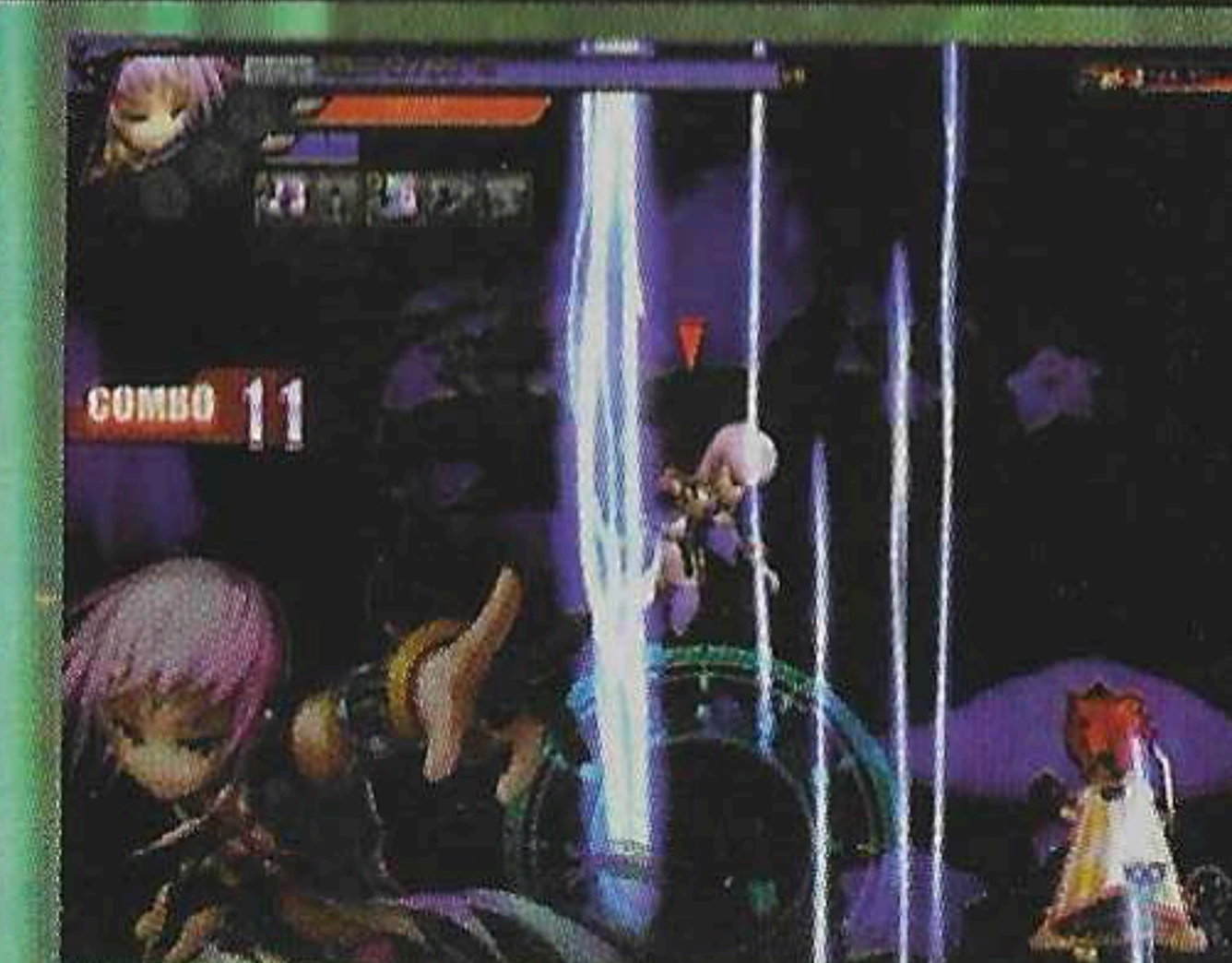
"Well then, shall we begin?"

She was the goddess of purity, Agnesia. While she was on her journey, she encountered and fought an evil mob. She sealed all of them inside her, worrying that they might be reborn. Because of that, her powers as a goddess as well as her immortality were lost. People thanked her and promised to take care of her upon her rebirth and so on. When she became 15, a disaster came upon their town. She escaped due to the people guided her and started her travel searching for someone who can help her to confront the disaster.

Lime Serenity

"In justice's name, I've come to deliver your punishment"

There was a small island nation called the Holy Kingdom where the people have always been worshipping the goddesses of beginnings. From some time ago evil forces that have been shut inside gates around the whole continent began leaking out. Pope 'St. Constantino', who sensed the invasion of the Elyos tribes, declared war and sent out the Holy Knights to the continent. Lime, a member of the Holy Knights, accidentally got apart from her colleagues and was found by the Grand Chase whilst on their journey.



A big hurrah, Kuroshitsuji fans!

Your favorite manga-turned-anime-turned-musical will now be having a live-action movie! It was announced last January of this year that the hit series will be adapted for a live-action movie, and will be featuring an all-new story plot! Here are some details so you could feel the hype! Be warned though—there might be some plot spoilers ahead!

Just in case you are not familiar with Kuroshitsuji (or in English, Black Butler), it is a manga written and illustrated by mangaka Yana Toboso, who is also the mangaka behind the six-chapter manga Rust Blaster (2006). Kuroshitsuji follows the story of the demonic-butler Sebastian Michaelis, bound to a supernatural contract to serve the young noble family head Ciel Phantomhive.

With the original manga and anime having its story set in 19th century England, the upcoming film, on the other hand, will be set 130 years later from that, and in an Asian city, which makes the movie a totally new story to tell. That also means the story will take place in the year 2020.

Actor Hiro Mizushima will be playing the role of the butler Sebastian. Prior to this, Mizushima also played the role of Ryusuke Minami in the live-action adaptation of *Bekk* (2010). And—yes, yes—the movie time-setting would mean that Ciel Phantomhive won't be in the movie anymore. Instead, an all-new master will be featured, Shiori Genpo, and will be played by Ayame Goriki.

Ayame Goriki previously played Jun the Swan in the live-action adaptation of *Gatchaman*. In *Black Butler*, though Shiori is an all-new character, she is a descendant to the Phantomhive family. And another interesting fact is that she will be a female character who is pretending to be a male! Since, of course, only males are allowed to take over as the head of the company. Of course, her right eye will also have a blue seal on it, signifying the contract she has with Sebastian.

Though not much is revealed about the plot yet, Otakuzine will keep you updated as to the latest updates regarding the movie. As of now, the fan community have mixed feelings and reactions to the new movie. Before we whine about the new stuffs, or have our mouth foaming on excitement, let's just seat back and relax. The movie just started filming, and is set to be released from mid-2013 to early 2014.

Until then, hold that fangirl scream within you!

Kuroshitsuji gets Live!





KASUKA NA KANOJO

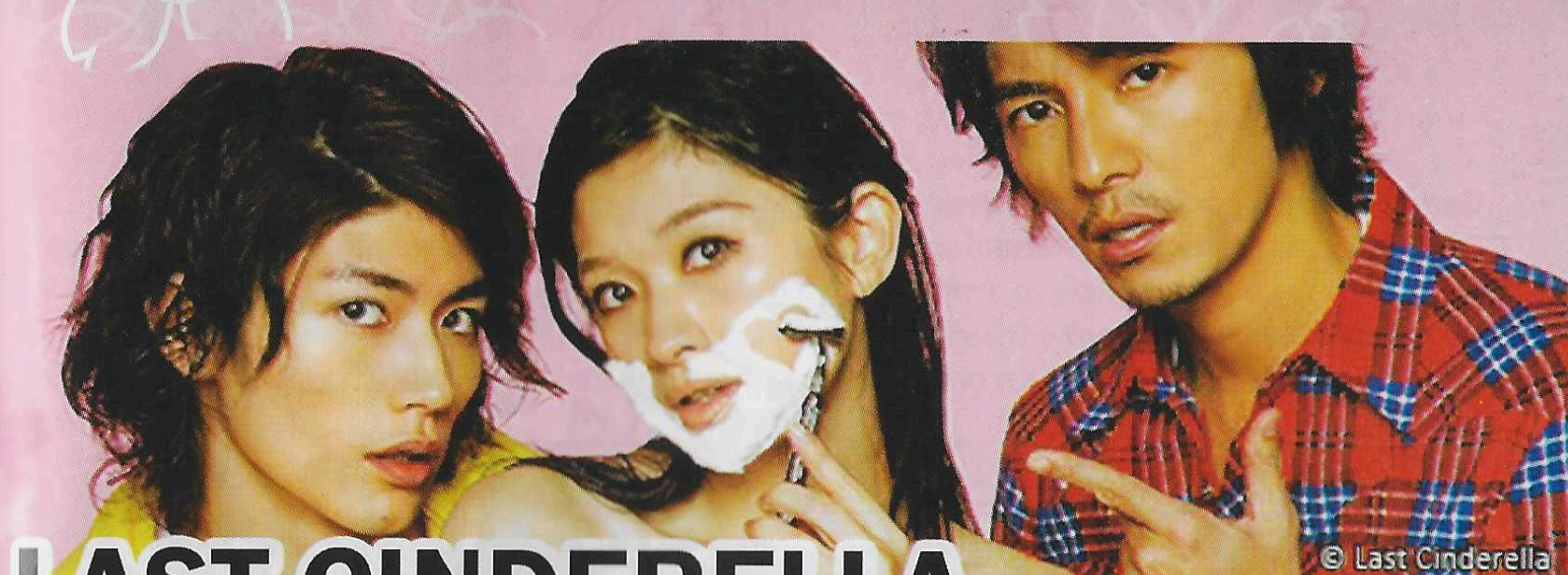
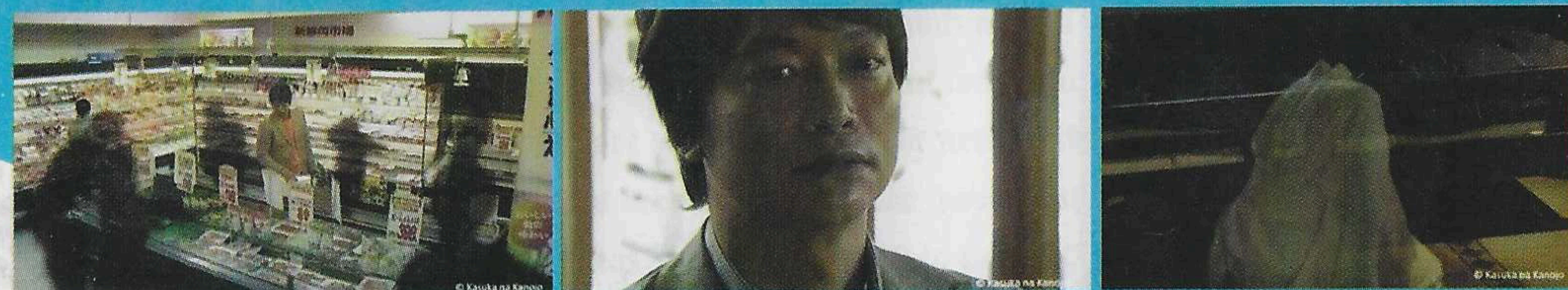
"It's the teacher's duty to restrain their students from walking on the wrong path." A rumor circulating around South Ohara Junior High about a ghost of a teacher who used to work in the said academy now haunts the room she used to live in. Now that it's been four years since the last person moved out of the "haunted room", a new homeroom teacher will live room 304—the very same room the rumors said to be occupied by a ghost.

The new homeroom teacher, Akira Kamiyama (played by Shingo Katori), has the ability to sense ghosts. Because of this ability, the ghosts around him always meddle in his everyday life which he finds it very annoying. As a teacher, Kamiyama doesn't want to get close to his students. He believes that teachers shouldn't go out of their way to interfere with their students' private lives. This way of thinking was changed when he met Akane (played by Anne), the ghost that resides in room 304.

How will Kamiyama's meeting with Akane change his relationship with his students?

Kasuka na Kanojo (幽かな彼女) is a new live action series and its first episode was broadcasted in Japan in April 9, 2013.

The show shows the teachers' faculty that consists of other teachers with different types of personality like Chiho Kawai (played by Atsuko Maeda), a two-faced person who shares the same mindset as Kamiyama, the English teacher Kuniyuki Hayashi aka Kunicchi (Hiromitsu Kitayama) and the new vice-principal Izumi Kirisawa (played by Miki Maya) who possesses a strong sense of justice. The comedy will make you love the show.



LAST CINDERELLA

"Before reaching the age limit of 40, she finally found her way to love..."

Sakura's life took a turn when she went to a mixer's party to give her a chance to finally get herself a man. When she feels like all hope is lost, she drunk herself silly to the point that she couldn't comprehend what's going on around her anymore. At the very same time, a handsome-looking man came to her to return one of her shoes ala-Cinderella.

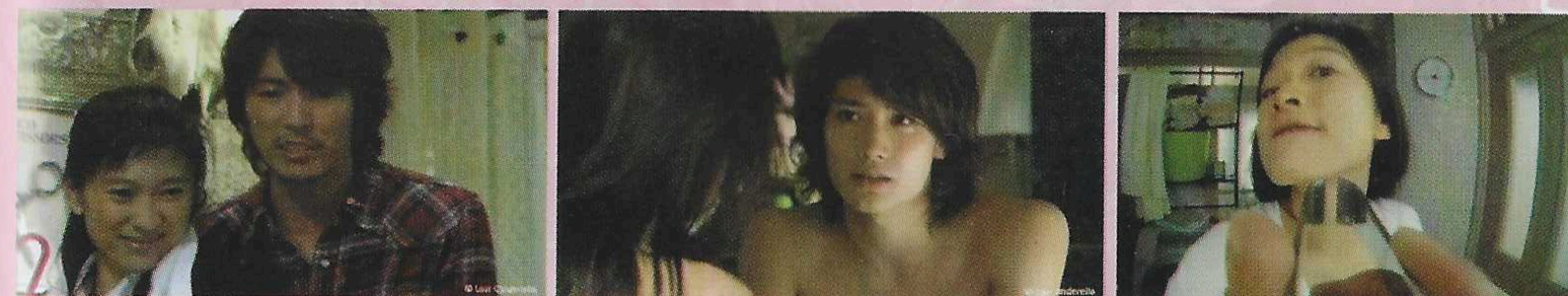
Without any recollection of last night's events, she woke up in a hotel bed naked with a man in a same state as her. The man turns out to be the same person who became Sakura's prince, Hiroto Saeki (played by Haruma Miura) and confesses his love to her.

Is this the beginning of a happy love life of the 39-year old Sakura Toyama?

Last Cinderella (ラスト♡シンデレラ) is a new live action series and its first episode was broadcasted in Japan last April 11, 2013. It depicts the reality of those women who try to live their life to the fullest. The show is unique for using a heroine who is way past the ideal age for marriage while other drama series have main characters in their teens (14-19) or in their twenties.

It's also aimed towards women who can relate to the female characters in this series as there are many women in our society who are very devoted to their career as much as men do and totally forgotten their needs as a woman, but it doesn't mean that it's limited to women. There are also men who can see themselves in Rintarou, who's still single at age 39 and Hiroto, who is into women older than him.

Be warned that it has themes and scenes that are not suitable for very young audiences despite the show being a love comedy.



Katekyo Hitman **REBORN!**

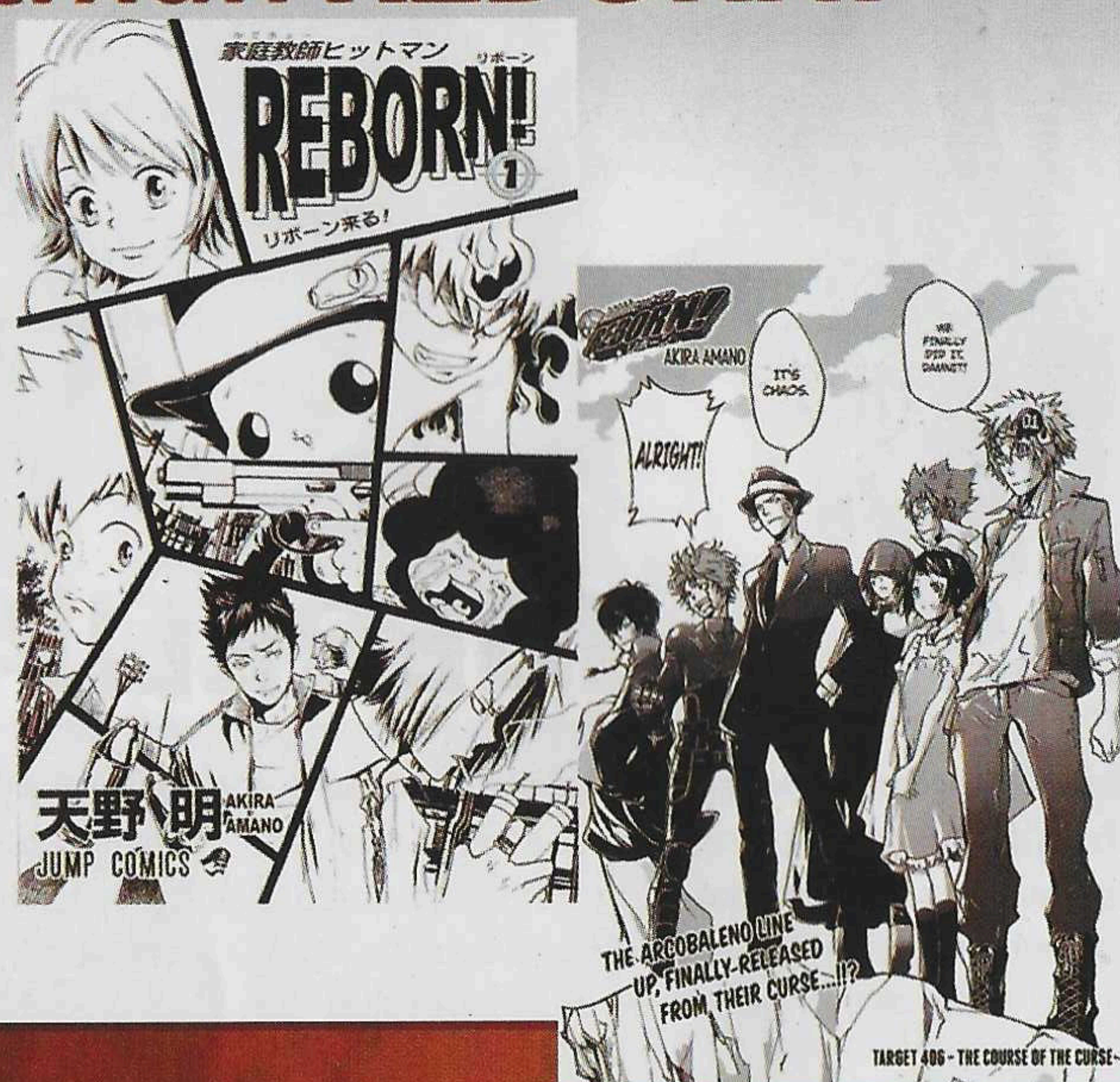
Genre: Shounen, Action, Adventure, School Life, Comedy, Supernatural

Year Released: 2004

Mangaka: Akira Amano

Published by: Weekly Shonen Jump (Japan), Viz Media (USA)

Became an Anime? Yes/Hai!
(October 7 2006 – September 25, 2010)



Story Tidbits

13 year old Tsunayoshi Sawada is a failure in everything he does: failing grades, bad at sports and having an incredible bad luck. Moreover, he is wimpy and cowardly, granting him the nickname "Dame-Tsuna" or No-good Tsuna. Everything started to change when a home tutor named Reborn came to his life. Reborn, despite looking like an infant, was actually a hitman and was there to train Tsuna to be the next generation of boss of a mafia family of Vongola!

More Reborn! Onegai?

Light-Novels: Katekyo Hitman Reborn! Hidden Bullet

-Hidden Bullet 1: Mukuro's Illusions (March 2007)

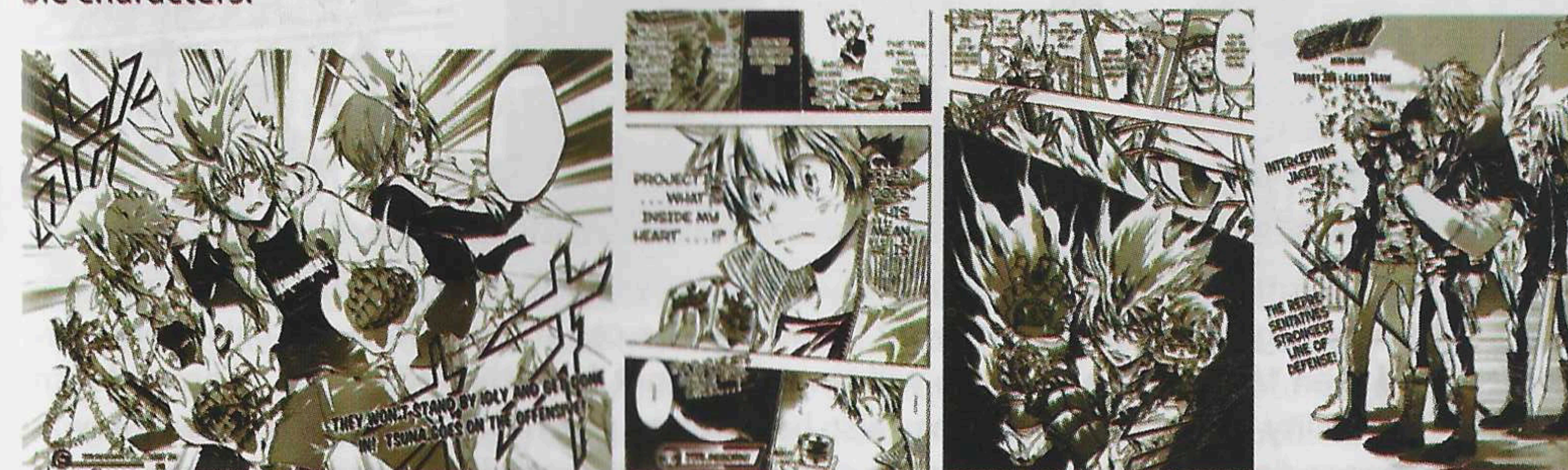
-Hidden Bullet 2: X-Fiamma (February 2008)

-Hidden Bullet 3: Millefiore Panic (July 2009)

Spin-offs: Vongola Gran Pix Kuru by Takayama Toshinori (Nov 2010)



Katekyo Hitman Reborn! or simply called *Reborn!* is manga filled with a unique plot, action and a comedic relief. The first parts of the manga mostly focused on comedy as it was intended to be a gag manga. As the story progresses and gets more serious she awaited action started, getting more and more exciting as the main fight comes. The manga made unexpected twists, shocking not only the characters of the manga but the readers themselves. I respect the mangaka for the art of *Reborn!* progressing and improving more and more until the end of the manga. The development of the characters is very respectful as well, especially on Tsuna's overall growth throughout the series but maintaining his resolve to protect people he cherishes the most. It's a good manga to read if you want action, unique plot and comedy combined along with different, crazy but admirable characters.



More on the Mangaka!

AKIRA AMANO



Akira Amano started her career on 1998 and worked at the Weekly Young Magazine while she also held a job in the Shueisha Publishing Co Ltd. On 2002, she joined a mangaka contest and won with her comic entitled "*Monkey Business*". In 2004, her manga "*Katekyo Hitman Reborn!*" debuted and became a smash hit in Shonen Jump. Amano filled "*Reborn!*" with crazy ideas for comic relief to entertain the readers and at the same time added a unique plot and characters along with spices of fast paced action. She also made the original character designs of the anime "*Psycho Pass*" which aired from October 12, 2012 to March 22 of this year. Amano recently worked on a one-shot manga entitled "*Warashibe Tantei Numashichiro*" and was published last February 26, 2013 in Shueisha's *Miracle Jump*. Other works to check out!

Boy Spin (1998), Hot Blast Basketball Legendary (1999), Pu Chibuu Chirabii (2000), *Monkey Business* (2002), *Tapir Hearts HAWK!* (2003), *Warashibe Tantei Numashichiro* (2013)

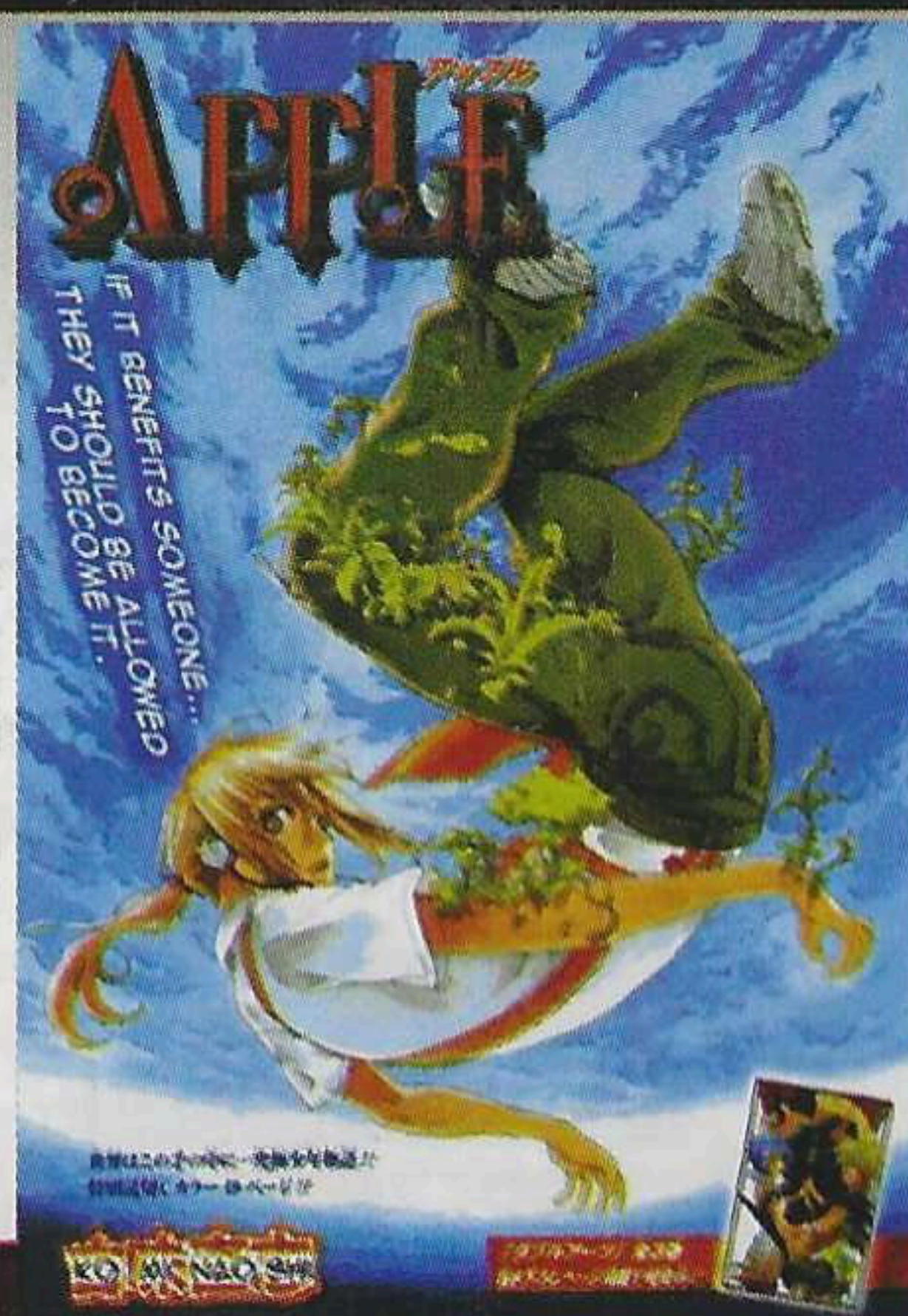
APPLE

Genre: Shounen, Comedy, Sci-fi, Supernatural

Year Released: 2008

Mangaka: Komi Naoshi

Published by: Weekly Young Magazine



Story Tidbits

Carefree and easygoing teen named Aramiya Satoshi always wants to enjoy his life and live peacefully but he always gets attacked because of his ability – he can shapeshift to any living form. Aramiya Satoshi is an “Apple”, the one who will save the planet from the “crisis”. An “Apple” doesn’t only have the ability to shape-shift but they also have strong psychic abilities. A kid known Steward or Grimm, the prodigy child, came in hopes to capture him but instead influenced to change this aim to live with Aramiya instead because of his words of enjoying life to the fullest and live life in happiness.

The Thought

Apple is one of the many unique and awesome sci-fi manga around, giving a cool combination of having psychic and shape-shifting abilities as the protagonist’s powers. The tension brought by the enemies, tragic events and the “crisis” itself was mostly removed by Aramiya’s carefree and loving-his-life attitude. Aside from being reminded that we must enjoy life, somehow it also influences the reader to follow his belief. Being a sci-fi manga, it has parts that might need a second glance to some readers but the overall concept of the short story and Aramiya’s abilities and science is great. The manga is drawn nicely and detailed and the character designs are very admirable too. Aramiya did live up his carefree and easy going attitude through his looks as well as Steward’s prodigy mixed with his child-like attitude. A fan of action or looking for some sci-fi or unique story will get attached to the interesting plot of Apple.

More on the Mangaka!

KOMI NAOSHI

Komi Naoshi’s works regularly debuted in Shounen Jump and its affiliates. Although being known to make fantastical works, his mangas have not yet progressed from being one-shots due to Shounen Jump’s strict selection of stories. Despite of this, he remains loyal to Shounen Jump. One of his works, namely Double Arts, got serialized but was canceled. He is currently working on his latest manga called Nisekoi and is currently serialized in Weekly Shounen Jump.

Other Works to Check Out! Island (2007), Koi no Kami-sama (2007), Williams (2007), Double Arts (2008), Personant (2008), Nisekoi (2011-ongoing)

THE LABYRINTH CAT

Genre: Seinen, Slice of Life, Supernatural

Year released: 2000

Mangaka: Urushibara Yuki

Publisher: Kodansha

*The Labyrinth Cat is part of the compilation of Urushibara Yuki’s short stories called Filament



The Story

The young protagonist’s family just moved in a large and complex apartment building where people get lost every now and then due to its maze-like structure. While going back to the said apartment, the protagonist got lost trying to get back to her home. She made it to the point that she cried and gave up until a cat showed up. The cat took her shopping list, making her chase it throughout the building and eventually getting to back to her home in the apartment. She made friends in the apartment and she learned how to get around in that apartment. Many people and children saw it and even though the apartment closed down, it was still there.

The Thoughts

At first, it felt like a common story but having a touch of a real life scenario. It gave a nostalgic feeling of being new to a place like moving to a new school or a house then being eventually lost to this unfamiliar place. It’s easy to relate to the protagonist. Being young, we are prone to tears and giving up easily when we are lost but then having a cat save her was adorable. Sometimes when we are lost, there are people who guide and help us out of a maze we’ve been to, and then eventually leads to something better. Like what happened to our young protagonist; not only did she return home, she met new friends and learned how to get around. It never failed to give the feeling of nostalgia in the few pages of the manga. The manga is a good read even if the story is just ten pages short. There may be people who won’t understand the story at first, but I what I could recommend is just to open your mind. It’s up to you on to who or what is the cat in your life.

More on the Mangaka!

URUSHIBARA YUKI

Urushibara Yuki or also known by her pen name *Soyogo Shima* is a well-known mangaka through her series *Mushishi*. Through this manga, she received awards such as the Excellence Prize for Manga on 2003 at the Japan Media Arts Festival and the Kodansha Manga Award on 2006.

Other Works to Check Out!

Filament, She Got Off the Bus at the Peninsula (Filament), Mushishi, Suiiki

SEIYUU-KA!

Genre: Comedy, Drama,
Gender Bender

Year released: 2009

Mangaka: Minami Maki

Publisher: Hakusensha

Other works: Special A



Story Tidbits

Seiyuu-ka! is a shoujo manga by Minami Maki who was popularly known for her title, S.A / Specia A. The story revolves around a girl named Kino Hime, 15 years old, who dreams to voice the main character in the popular series "Mahou Senshi Lovely Blazers." For that reason, she attends Hiiragi Academy, one of the most popular schools known for its voice acting department. The only problem she has to face is that her voice is far from sounding like any of the princess or shoujo-ish voice of female seiyuus; and instead, she sounds like a gorilla, thus obtaining the nickname Gori-Hime. Due to a certain incident that reveals Hime's talent of having a prince-like voice, she debuted in the voice acting industry as a male seiyuu. Now Hime has to live a double persona as a girl and as a boy, while gradually falling in love with her rival classmate, who's not only a rising male seiyuu, but is also the son of her beloved idol, the original Mahou Senshi Lovely Blazer.

The Thought

Seiyuu-ka! is simply a rib tickler, but with a very unique plotline much different from typical school girls' life in any normal shoujo manga. Seiyuu-ka!'s mangaka has some legit reference and research like the Tokyo Animation Institute and 81 Produce, that's why as we read the manga, we also take a peek on how Seiyuus were trained or something like that. I love how the mangaka made it ironic that Hime wants to have a sweet, princess-like voice but turns to have the gorgeous, but prince-like voice. Instead of swooning males, she attracted the young ladies, right? Other than that, it's nice to see a strong young female, who despite the inability to reach her dreams because of certain limitations, still strives for her dreams with a positive outlook even if everybody looks down at her. Aye, don't be confused. There is less drama here than comedy. It's highly recommendable, with sprinkles of young romance. Listen to the drama CDs to appreciate it better.



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SPECIAL FEATURE

Are you looking for a new hobby this summer? Sweat out by doing mountain climbing with your family and friends. Aoi Yukimura from the anime *Yama no Susume* (Encouragement of Climb) will teach you the basic thing to do it: having the heart to climb even though you're afraid. *Yama no Susume* is a 12-episodic slice-of-life anime with only 3 minutes per episode and a 30-second ending theme. Indeed, it is an anime convenient enough to watch but hard to forget. Even though it is under the short anime category, *Yama no Susume* has been well-compressed into an anime full of lessons about friendship, quality time, and life in general.



ヤマノススメ
Encouragement of Climb

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Aoi Yukimura used to love climbing mountains together with her friend Hinata back when they were still kids.



But later on, she developed a fear of heights when she fell from the jungle gym and was hospitalized for quite some time.



Since then, she stopped doing outdoor activities and instead, became engrossed to hobbies done indoors like handicrafts.



Now that she's in high school, she seemed to forget all about her childhood friend and her passion for climbing mountains until Hinata approached her one day.



It turned out that Hinata had also enrolled to the same high school as hers and that she hadn't forgotten the memories they shared when they climbed a mountain together.

Aoi then agreed to climb a low-peaked mountain for starters. Her passion towards the hobby went back and she eventually climbed higher mountains with Hinata.

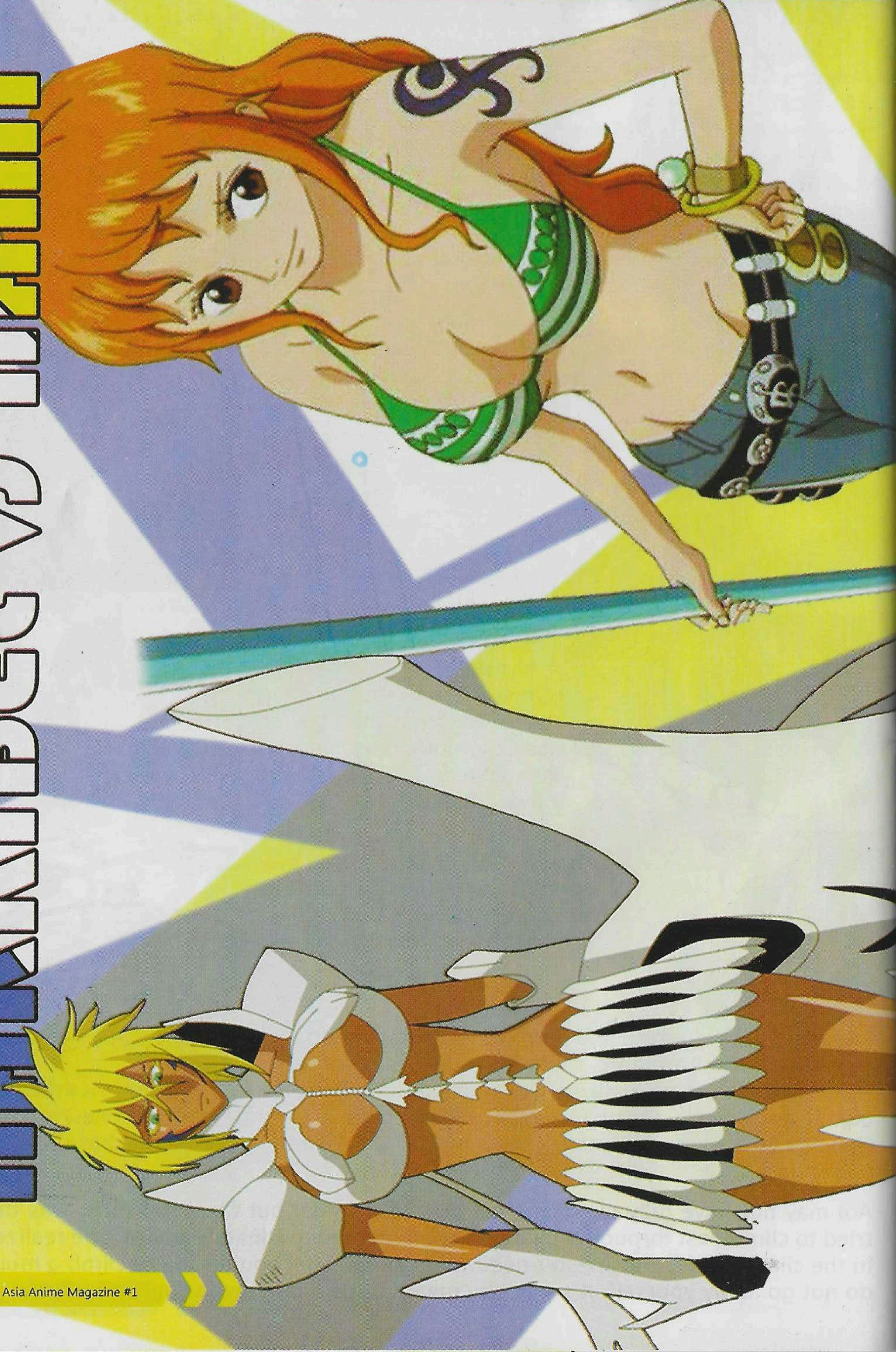


Together, they discover the importance of mountain climbing, not just as a hobby, but as a means to know more about themselves and others.

Aside from *Yama no Susume*'s wonderful underlying message about mountain climbing, it does teach about mountain climbing as a pastime that anyone could enjoy. Hinata's father knows a lot about camping in the mountains, so he teaches the girls how to set up a tent.

Aoi may not have fully overcome her fear of heights, but the good thing was that she tried to climb past through it by being open-minded to Hinata's advice. She realized that in the climb of life, she doesn't need to go alone. So if you decide to climb a mountain, do not go all by yourself. It's a hobby meant to be shared with your loved ones!

HARRIBEL VS NAMI



"And now, everybody," shouted Misty in a voice that everybody can hear. She was wearing a plain blue sports bra and shorts. "We are here to witness the first match for this year's Inter-Anime Women's Volleyball Cup! On the left side of the court, we have the master-navigator Nami!"

Nami stood, stretching and tilting her neck back and forth. She's wearing a pink floral swimsuit, and she's carrying with her her Sorcery Clima-Tact. She fixed her bra. "Let's get this started!"

"On the right side of the court, meanwhile," continued Misty, "is a woman of strength and power. Please welcome Tier Harribel!"

Harribel slowly walked to the court. She's wearing a black and yellow bikini, and covering her top is the remnant of her hollow mask, from below her nose down to the end of her chest. Strapped at her back is her Zanpakuto. She just stood there and did nothing. Misty smiled, as if waiting for Harribel to say something.

Harribel looked at her. Misty turned back her look, scared of her fierce eyes. Nami shouted from her side of the court. "Oh, c'mon! You're pairing me up with this old hag with no fashion sense at all? Why are you wearing a breast armor?"

Harribel did not respond. Misty blew the whistle. And the ball was thrown!

Nami did the serve. She spiked the ball with her Sorcery Clima-Tact, making it fly towards Harribel. Harribel, having great reflexes, drew her Zanpakuto and released her immense reiatsu.

The strong wind that she created blew the ball upward. He then said softly, "Destroy, Tiburon." Wind whirled around her and now her Tiburon is a big blade, though her swimsuit did not change. She leapt upward, and catching the ball in high mid-air, she enveloped it in water before throwing it back Nami. "La Gota," she declared, and a jet-speed water bullet came flying down to Nami.

Nami took her stance. She separated her Sorcery Clima-Tact, and pointed the end of one to the coming stream of water. "Sorcery Clima-Tact," she declared, "Gust Sword!" A very strong blow of air came out of the end of the pole, that destroyed the water stream and blew the ball back to Harribel's side of the court. Harribel is still up, and she thrust down wats catch the ball.

"Too weak," mumbled Harribel. she released another attack to throw back Nami. "Cascada." A jet of water pushed back the ball to Nami's side of the court.

But just as Nami was preparing to once again counter Harribel's attack, the ball exploded due to hi pressure. Nami jumped to dodge the incoming water attack. She looked dumbfounded by what happened, but Harribel seemed not to show any reaction at all.

Misty was also dumbfounded by what happened. After a few seconds, as if realizing what really happened, slowly raised her hand to a signal. "Uh, since the ball was... well, destroyed, the match is now officially a... draw."

Nami went furious. "EEEEHHHHHHHHH???"



Love Live!

Written by Jukki Hanada and produced by Sunrise under the license of NIS America. The anime follows the story of Honoka Kōsaka who treasures her school; Otono Kizaka Academy. One day, an announcement was made telling that the school is scheduled to close due to it's lack of incoming students. As Honoka was in the brink of losing hope, she finds out that school idols are a hype and that it could help bring in students to their school. She, then, created an idol group in the hopes of preserving the school and it's memories.

Boku wa Tomodachi ga Sukunai NEXT

The sequel to the popular anime: Boku wa Tomodachi ga Sukunai written by Yomi Hirasaka and produced by AIC Build under the license of Funimation Entertainment. The sequel still follows the stories of The Neighbors Club which was founded by Kodoka Hasegawa and Yozora Mikazuki one fateful day and was followed with five more members. The purpose of the club is to simply put, help the members gain friends and help them with their socializing issues. The sequel is simply a continuation of the previous anime that revolves around the clubs daily activities and nonsensical comedy



Little Busters!

A group kids, each having a unique personality, formed the "Little Busters" where they played as heroes of justice. As they grew up, their friendship remained strong and now that they are in high school, they no longer play as heroes of justice but formed a baseball club. Now, Riki Naoe's goal is to add more members to their group so they can qualify as a baseball team. Oddly, Riki and Rin, their only female member, receives messages, saying that there's a "secret world" and that they must accomplish missions.



Minami-ke Tadaima

A comedy anime that follows the daily lives of the Minami sisters. Haruka Minami is the eldest of the three Minami sisters and is the more responsible one. She watches over the two and basically acts as the mother figure. Although all the positive traits, Haruka is very lazy when she is alone. Kana Minami is the middle sister of the three and has a very energetic and positive attitude. Though on the down side, she's pretty much of a happy-go-lucky, making crazy antics and blurting nonsensical yet funny made-up theories. And of course, Chiaki Minami, the youngest of the three. Although she is the youngest, her attitude is quite like that of an adult with a more mature personality. She has high respects for Haruka and sees her as a role model while she sees Kana as idiotic irritates her. These three, together with their friends and classmates form a family full of laughter.



Psycho-Pass

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Aku no Hana

A guy steals his crush's gym clothes and a girl saw it. Now, she threatens to expose him if he doesn't fulfill a contract.

Arata Kangatari

Two guys from different dimensions both named Arata magically switch places. They now have to solve each other's problems.

Date A Live

A boy tries to save the world by dating the girl who is a destroyer of worlds.

Devil Survivor 2: The Animation

Based on the game Devil Survivor 2. Hibiki Kuze suddenly got dragged in the fight of humanity against demons and Septentriones.

Ginga Kikoutai Majestic Prince

Set in a futuristic world, humanity now lives in space. Genetically engineered children are developed and trained to pilot mecha's called AHSMB or Advanced High Standard Multipurpose Battle Device to fight aliens.

Kakumeiki Valvrave (Valvrave the Liberator)

70% of humanity now lives in space. A boy gets dragged into war when he entered the cockpit of a mysterious mecha.

Karneval

A thief and a strange boy meet in a strange series of events and ends up working for a top defense organization.

Mushibugyou

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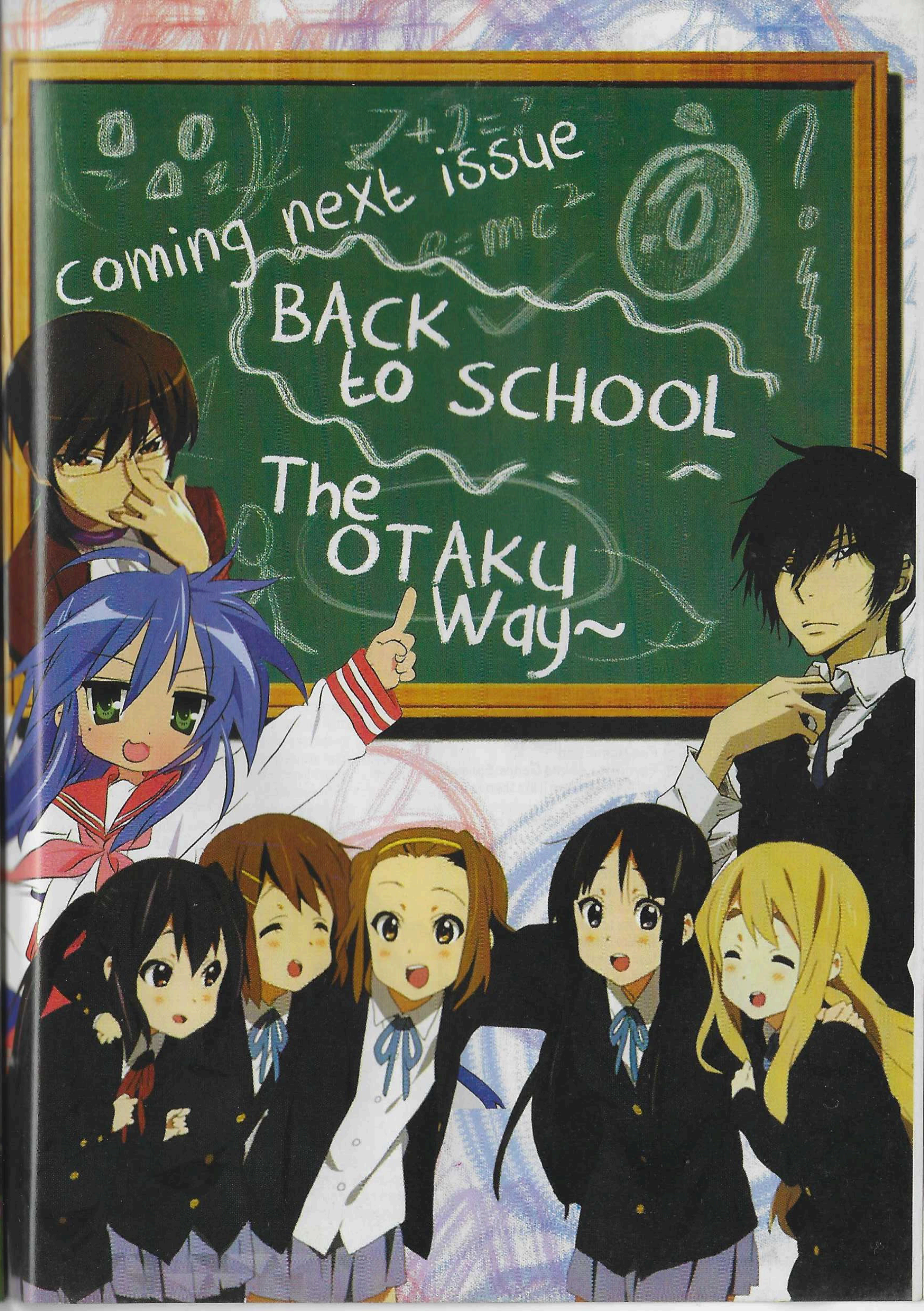
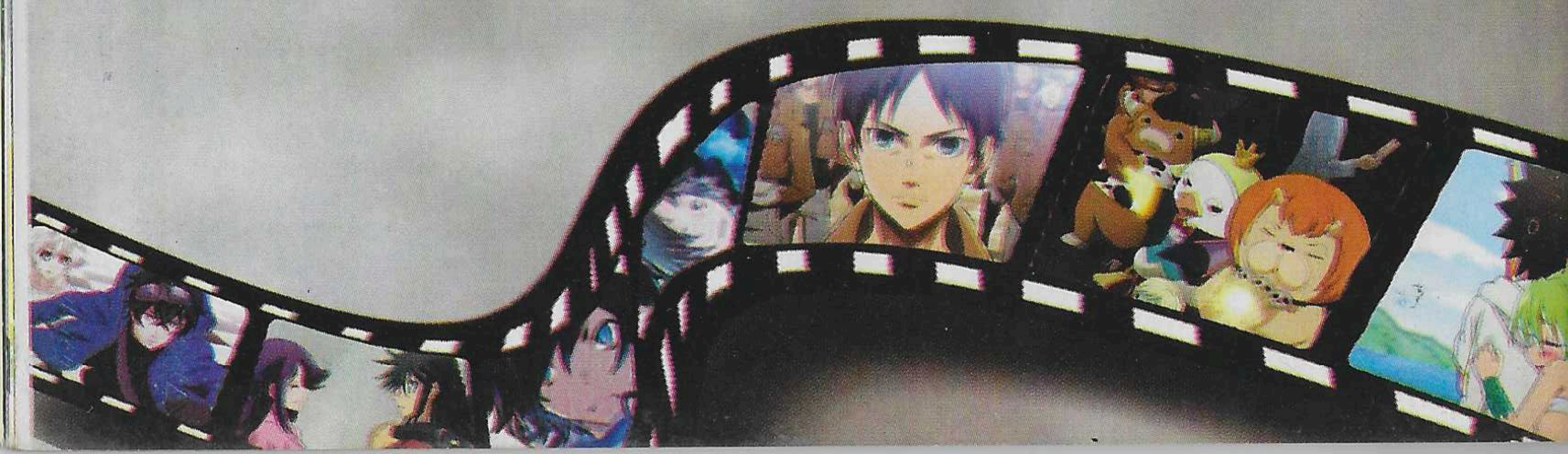
In a post apocalyptic world, mankind struggles to survive against the giants that destroyed their lands.

Yondemasuyo Azazel-San. Z

Season 2 of the comedy anime: Yondemasuyo Azazel-San. Follows the story of a detective and his assistant where they summon demons to help them solve cases.

Namiuchigiwa no Muromi-San (Muromi-san on the shore)

A comedy anime that follows the story of a highschool boy from the fishing club that accidentally catches a mermaid.

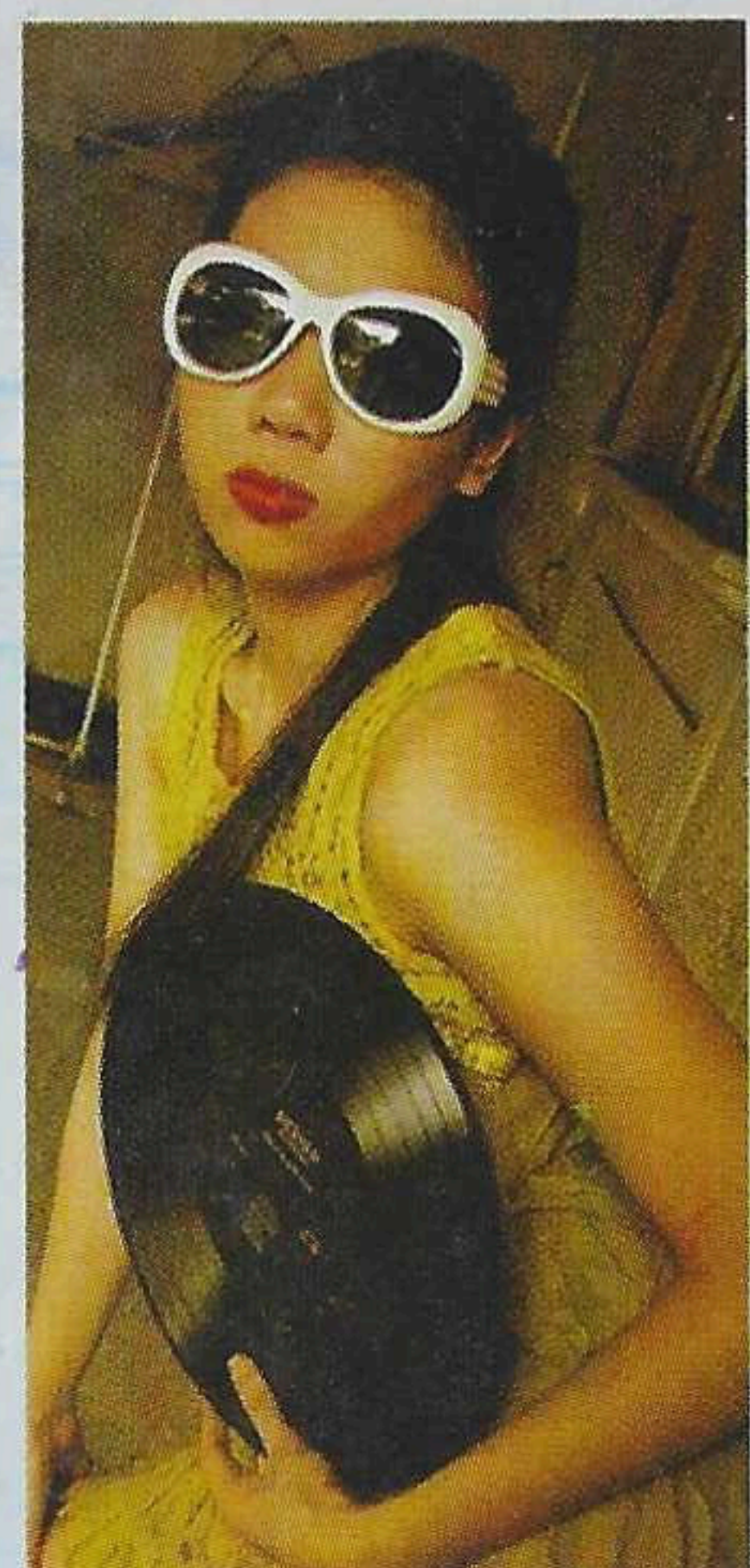


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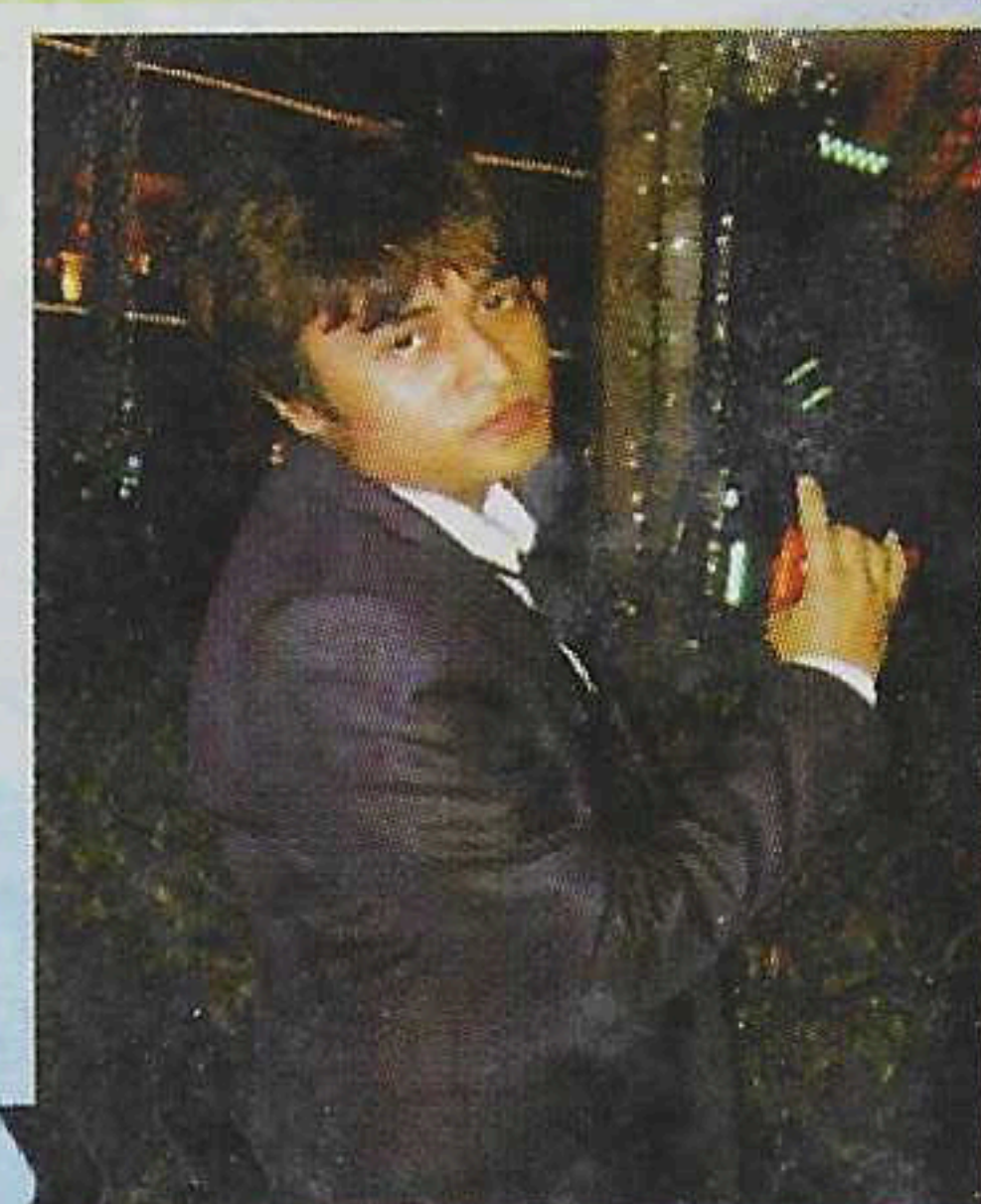


Name: Katya E. Manalastas
Pen Name: Kitty Sharppaws-Furrball
Favourite Anime Genre: Horror, Romance, and Action
Age: 19
What are you part time of:
 -I'm part cat with fat body and sparkling eyes.
Which anime character would you like to spend your summer with?
 -Mamoru Chiba

Name: Ryan Charles A. Rebulanan
Pen Name: Charleslayer
Favourite Anime Genre: Drama and Comedy
Age: 19
What are you part time of:
 -I'm part swordsman.
Which anime character would you like to spend your summer with?
 -Kirito-kun



Name: Dhanliza Cellona
Pen Name: Lizzi
Favourite Anime Genre: Shounen and Reverse Harem (I like them equally)
Age: 24
What are you part time of:
 -I am a part-time air drummer. I play the drums in the shadows. I get paid in the form of air, too.
Which anime character would you like to spend your summer with?
 -I'd like to spend my summer with Toshiro Hitsugaya from Bleach so that I can get instant ice whenever wherever. Then, I'd buy him a watermelon or two in return.



Name: James Bayot
Favourite Anime Genre: School Life
Age: 22
What are you part time of:
 -I'm part Homunculus.
Which anime character would you like to spend your summer with?
 -Aya Toujo of Ichigo 100%



Name: Hercules V. Reyes
Pen Name: Mystery, Action, Drama
Favourite Anime Genre: Mystery, Action, Drama
Age: 19
What are you part time of:
 -I'm a part time S.H.E.I.L.D Agent, always out to save the world from Justin Bieber, Twilight, and The Fifty Shades of Porn.
Which anime character would you like to spend your summer with?
 -I'd like to spend the summer having night heists with Kaito KID!
 I'd prefer having my own hang-glider.

Name: Mikelle Ian Felix C. Abubo
Favourite Anime Genre: Psychological, Horror, Romance and Slice of Life
Age: 21
What are you part time of:
 -I'm a part-time assassin-for-hired who possesses mystical eye that could even kill immortals
Which anime character would you like to spend your summer with?
 -I wanna spend my summer with Saber. She's a fierce fighter and a sweet friend. Her fierceness is much hotter than the summer sun and her sweetness would make you feel refreshed.

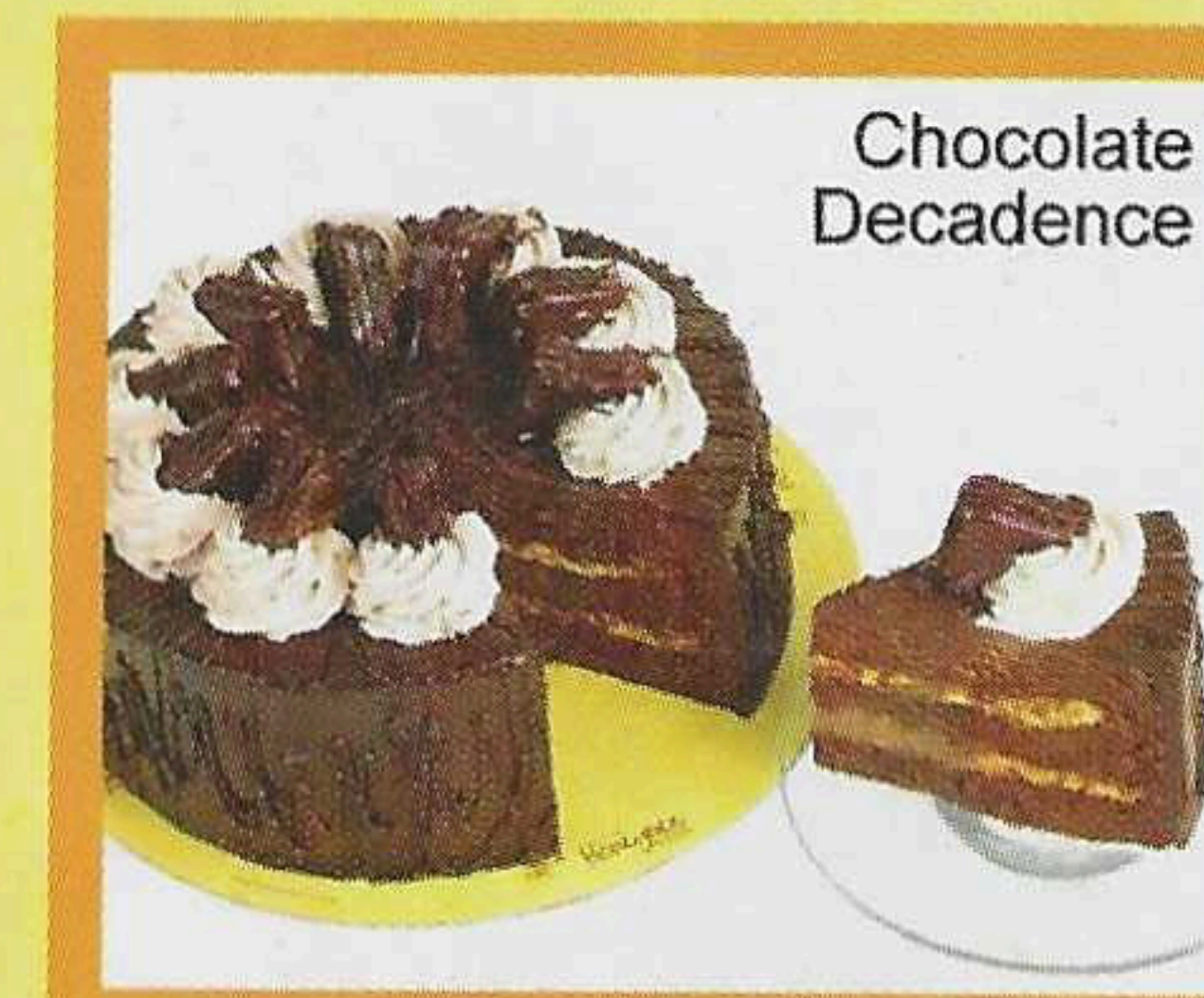
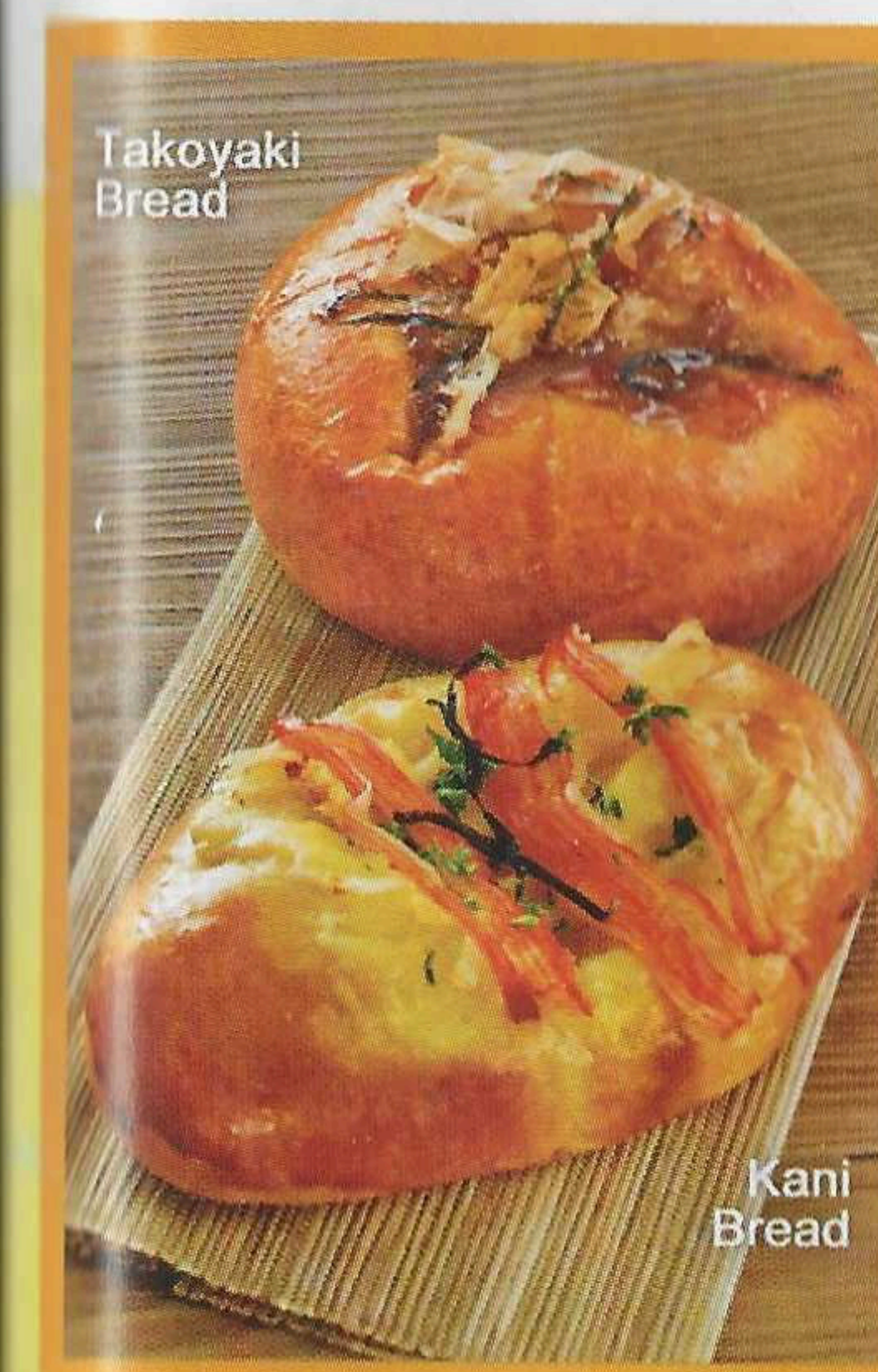
Name: Nathaniel Angelo A. Angeles
Favourite Anime Genre: Comedy, Action, Psychological, Romance
Age: 20
What are you part time of:
 -I'm a part-time Berserker awith a demonic left arm and a cursed blade called "Tartarus"
Which anime character would you like to spend your summer with?
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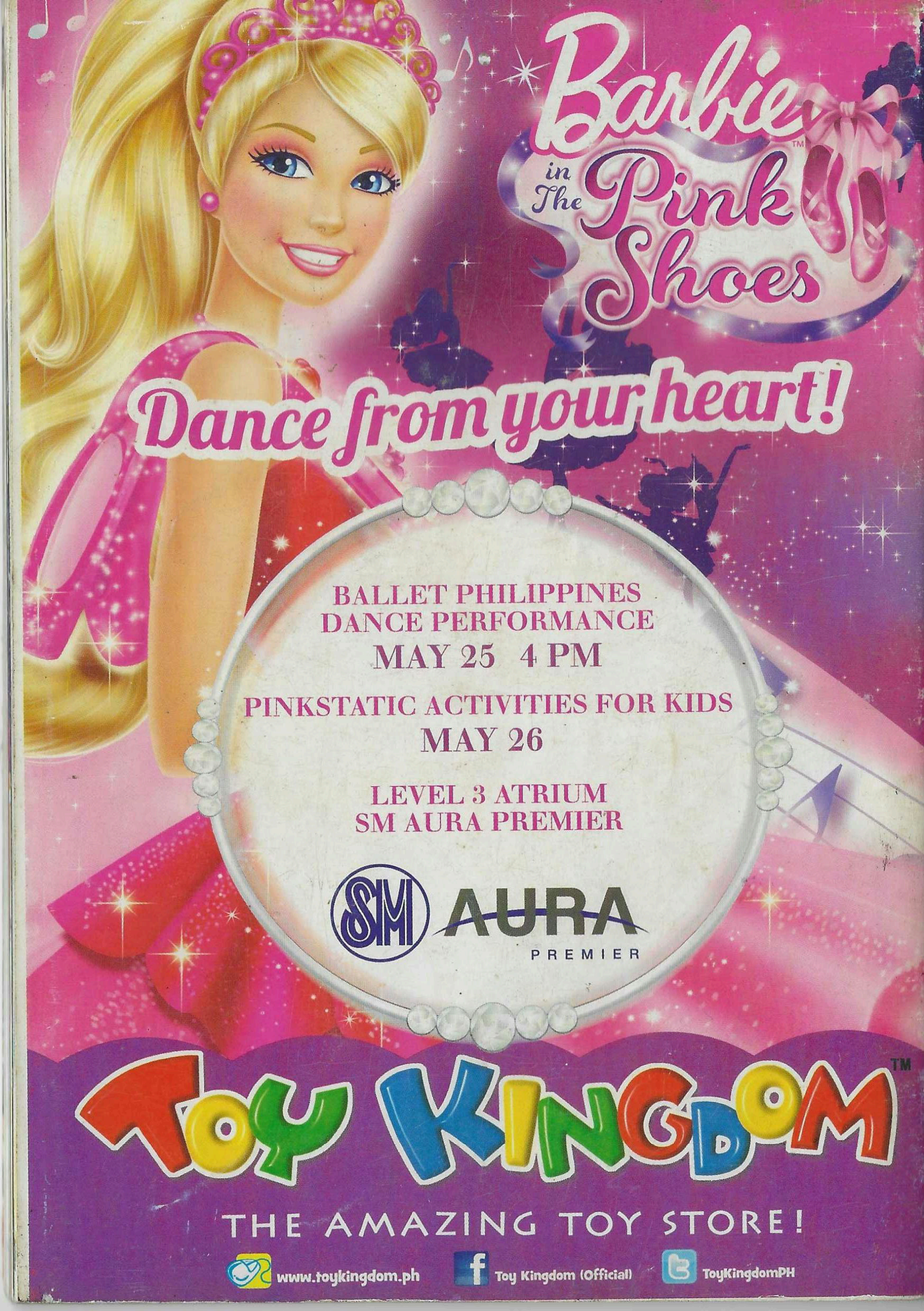


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